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BIAS BAY EVIL British Navy Takes Drastic Action. VILLAGES BURNED.

Yesterday's Punitive Expedition Described.

The British Navy yesterday took drastic measures at Bias Bay, the notorious pirate haunt.

Landing parties burned four villages which were known to be pirate villages. Under express orders they spared buildings of a religious character.

The Navy also destroyed a number of junks which were found in the neighbourhood of the pirate villages.

There was no opposition nor were there any casualties on either side. The punitive expedition was the sequel to a long series of piracies which Canton has made no effort to suppress.

Notices were given to the inhabitants of the villages explaining the reasons for the expedition.

ACTION AT LAST.

British Navy Takes Only Course.

The operation was carried out by the following ships under the command of Rear-Admiral W. H. Boyle:—

H.M.S. "Frobisher," flagship of the 1st Cruiser Squadron, H.M.S. "Hermes," the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Delhi," 1st Cruiser Squadron, H.M.S. "Marazion," of the 4th Submarine Flotilla, H.M.S. "Foxglove," a sloop.

Leaving Hong Kong harbour at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, these ships arrived in Bias Bay about 1.30 a.m. yesterday and anchored a little to the south-west of Tsang Chau Island, there being not enough water further up the inlet either for warships or for pirated steamers. According to Admiralty chart No. 3,002, the inlet is known as Fan-lo-kong, and the island is the point where pirates usually disembarked from steamers they have seized.

Police Co-operation.

Naval forces only were employed, with the exception of a detachment of Police officers, interpreters and detectives under the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Captain H. F. Bloxham and four European detectives accompanied the expedition. Captain Bloxham, it is interesting to note, is the officer who went with the previous expedition to Bias Bay in January of 1925, when the British Navy, Army and Police co-operated with the Chinese.

The landing force, which was under the general command of Captain Calvert, flag captain of H.M.S. "Frobisher," was divided into three parties, one destined to proceed to the village of Kwai Chau at the very head of the shallow inlet, and the other two for the group of three villages, known as Hoi Chau.

Known as Pirate Haunts.

These four villages were reliably known to be pirate villages, the Hong Kong Police possessing information that two men concerned in the "Seang Bee" piracy (which took place in January of this year) came from Kwai Chau. Eight pirates are also known to have come from Hoi Chau, five of whom took part in the piracy of the "Honghua" in January, 1925. Two other pirates from Hoi Chau took part in the piracy of the "Tungchow" in December, 1925, when the master, Captain Mackintosh received injuries from which he died in Shanghai after his leg had been amputated.

Disembarkation began from the ships at 2.30 a.m. Marines and Naval ratings, numbering 300, with Police, going ashore in cutters and other small boats which were towed by the "Marazion" ten miles to the head of the inlet. Owing to the shallow water and the danger of running aground the journey was an extremely difficult one. However, it was carried out in a very skilful manner which earned the warm praise of the Admiral.

Delay Unavoidable.

There was a large number of boats—17 cutters in all—and the shallowness of the water made some delay unavoidable. Consequently it was dawn before the landing was effected and the villages were able to see the expedition approaching.

From the head of the inlet the boats proceeded under oars or under tow by motor-boats to the shore. Again, owing to the shallow water, the landing parties were compelled to wade over distances which varied from forty to four hundred yards, with the result that the men were often waist high in mud and water.

Having rather deeper water for their landing, the party for "Kwai Chau" were ashore first—at 6.15 a.m.

The object of the expedition was two-fold. In the first place the object was to destroy all villages which were known to be pirate haunts, and to destroy them, if possible, without injury to life. In the second place the object was to destroy junks and other craft found in the neighbourhood of these pirate haunts. At the same time it was hoped that the landing party would be able to rescue the five passengers kidnapped from the "Seang Bee."

Villagers Flee.

The first platoon of the force going to Kwai Chau immediately went to high ground west of the village and took up covering positions. The second platoon advanced to the village, which had been deserted by its inhabitants, who were congregated among some trees about two or three hundred yards to the west. These villagers were then collected and told that a period of time would be allowed during which they might remove their personal effects from the houses which, when this period was ended, would be destroyed. Villagers were also told the objects of the expedition.

This having been done, all the houses in the village were then destroyed, either by fire or by explosive. There were about twenty houses built of stone and a similar number of thatched. Between fifteen and twenty junks and sampans on the north-east of the village were also destroyed.

Half-Eaten Breakfasts.

The landing party for Hoi Chau was divided into two sections, the first to deal with the two hamlets near the beach, and the second to proceed to the high portion of the group of three villages which lay behind an adjoining hill. The force found all the houses deserted, the inhabitants having seen the expedition approaching, owing to the shallow water making it twenty minutes late with the result that daylight arrived before the landing was effected. The inhabitants had made off in the direction of the adjacent villages and townships of which there was a large number within a radius of three miles. The hasty nature of their departure was to be seen from the fact that in many cases the morning meal had been left or was only being prepared.

The landing party having collected combustible material, which they stacked inside and around the houses, the buildings of the village were set on fire, the more permanent structures being blown up.

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"ARGUS" LEAVES.

The Latest Military Movements.

UNITS IN HONG KONG.

The aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Argus" left for Shanghai shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday. Features of the vessel which had not been noticeable while the vessel was at buoy were the raising of the bridge by hydraulic pressure (when at rest the bridge is level with the water to facilitate landing of planes on the upper deck) and the emission of smoke from two side chambers at the rear (the "Argus" is without funnel).

The 1st Devonshires left for Shanghai on the s.s. "Hermimus" at 10 p.m. yesterday.

The complement of the two recently arrived batteries of field artillery have taken up quarters in the Rope factory, Kowloon.

With the 1st Devonshires having left for Shanghai, the units of Infantry now in Hong Kong, at

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" ninth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Two competitors tied for first place, with only one error apiece.

tached to the Shanghai Defence Corps (i.e. exclusive of the South China Command) are as follows:—

1st Batt., Green Howards (Lt.-Col. H. W. McCall, C.M.G., D.S.O.)
1st Batt., Camerons (Lt.-Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O.)
1st Batt., Border Regiment (Lt.-Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O.)
1st Batt., Middlesex Regiment (Lt.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E.)

The 4th Pack Brigade of the Royal Artillery is also here, comprising the 15th, 20th, and 21st Pack Batteries.

Sports Gear Shop.
Other units are No. 7 General Hospital (at the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon) and No. 12 Field Ambulance (mobile) less one company, at King's College, Bonham Road.

There are also detachments of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps and the Military Foot Police.

Under the heading of "Other Details" come a number of civilians under Mr. L. A. Wake of the N.A.A.F.I. (Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes), in charge of the canteens and grocery shops.

A store is contemplated, for the sale of sports gear, at No. 60, Nathan Road, Kowloon, the premises belonging to the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.

One Brigade Left.

The departure of the Devons will complete the 14th Infantry Brigade and the 20th Indian Infantry Brigade at Shanghai, leaving the 13th Brigade here (comprising the four battalions mentioned above).

Colonel W. A. Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O. (who was made temporary Colonel Commandant on being appointed to the command, Dec. 15, 1926) is the 13th Brigade Commander. Officers on his staff are:—
Brigade Major: Captain A. G. Barry, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Tank Corps.
Staff Captain: Lt. C. E. Kendall, R.A.
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SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Lt.-Col. Heywood's Distinguished Career.

Lt.-Col. T. G. G. Heywood, O.B.E., R.A., who was in danger of his life while on a mission outside the International Settlement at Shanghai, is officially known on the staff of Major-General John Duncanson as General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade (Royal Artillery), with his name under that of the officer Commanding Royal Artillery, "attached to the staff."

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ARMED MOBS.

Fire on British Posts at Shanghai.

HANKOW SCANDAL.

Soldiers Threaten Foreigners With Rifles.

While the situation at Shanghai appears to be easier, there have been several unpleasant incidents, armed mobs firing on British posts in the north-eastern district.

Trouble is also reported from Hankow where Chinese troops, deliberately inflamed by falsehoods, threatened foreigners with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets.

ARMED MOBS.

Demonstrate Opposite British Posts.

Shanghai, March 24.

The British, French and Japanese Consuls-General succeeded this morning in getting into touch with General Pai Ching-shi, thus at length establishing official contact between the foreign authorities and the Shanghai Nationalist forces.

Pai Ching-shi affirmed his intention to protect foreign life and property and to suppress violence and disorder.

This morning an armed mob of 500 demonstrated opposite the British posts in the north-eastern district. They aimlessly let off rifles, but the post did not reply and the mob finally retired.

Another partially armed mob of 300 approached the Coldstreams on the Markham Road bridge, but also went off after a while without any incident occurring.

The total Northern troops disarmed by the British on admission to the Settlement is officially given as 2,000, who, with the 1,200 disarmed by the Japanese, are being shipped to Tsingtau.

TENSION EASED.

Several American Marines Wounded.

Rugby, March 23.

Shanghai telegrams state that the commander of the Nationalist forces to-day assured the consular authorities of the Settlement that he intended to restore and maintain order in the city.

Although United States Marines co-operated with the troops in frustrating the attempt by a mob to enter the Settlement, several Marines being wounded during the incident, there has been generally some relaxation of the tension existing during the previous forty-eight hours.

Shooting and disorders continue in some areas outside the cordon, but order is being maintained within the Settlement, although little work is being done.

Several hundred disarmed Northerners who were interned in the Settlement were escorted by troops to the waterside and sent

He is given in the Army List as a Brevet Lt.-Colonel, having received this rank in December, 1923.

"Great War" Service.
Colonel Heywood is just over 40 years of age. In 1905, he was appointed 2nd Lieut. from the Militia. Promotion came, thus:—
1908: Lieutenant.
1914: Captain.
1916: Temporary Major.
1917: Brevet Major.
1918: Temporary Lt.-Colonel.

Among the many staff appointments he has held before being appointed to the Shanghai Defence Force are:—
Staff Captain, R.A., 10th Division, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, 1916.
General Staff Officer, 3rd grade, 18th Army Corps, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1916.
G.S.O., 2, G.H.Q., Salonika Army and British Salonika Force, 1916-1918.

G.S.O., 1, G.H.Q., British Salonika Force, 1918-1919.
Brigade Major, R.A., 1st Division, Aldershot Command, 1920.
G.S.O., 2, British Military Mission Army of the Orient and British Army in Constantinople, 1920.

In addition to being a graduate of the Staff College, Colonel Heywood is also qualified as a first-class interpreter in a modern foreign language.

to their home districts.—British Wireless Service.

HANKOW FERMENT.

Excited Soldiers Threaten Foreigners.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:—

"By 'deliberate falsehoods,' the Chinese troops at Hankow have been 'worked up into a dangerous

STRIKE OFF.

Shanghai, March 24.

The general strike has been called off.—Reuter.

mood" and have been stopping foreigners and threatening them with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets.

It was only after twenty-four hours' explanation that the Chinese authorities were able to put a stop to this.

General Chang Kai-shek. The Customs strike at Kiangsu has terminated and the Customs launch is now ready for service. A number of troops have proceeded down river.

There is no change in the situation at Wuhu.

Work on the recovery of bodies from the military launch sunk by the s.s. "Kutwo" continues.

General Chang Kai-shek is expected at Wuhu to-day.

Nanking Dangers. Gunfire is still audible to the south of Nanking.

The Civil Governor of Nanking has left and the Chinese popula-

NANKING FALLS.

Southerners Also in Chinkiang.

Shanghai, March 24.

A naval wireless message states that the Southerners have taken Nanking and Chinkiang.—Reuter.

tion is evacuating in large numbers. Foreign women and children have been concentrated in a building on the Bund where protection can be afforded.

A tense atmosphere exists at Nanking.

The retreat of Northern troops to Fukow from Nanking has commenced.

Chinkiang Concession. Arrangements for the integrity of the Concession at Chinkiang have been made with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce there.

Some 3,000 Cantonese troops entered Chinkiang about midnight last night without disturbance.

Northerners (Sun Chuan-fang's forces) are still holding Silver Island fort near Chinkiang.

The Southerners are bringing up artillery to Siang Shan and many have passed through Chinkiang to assist in the attack on Nanking.

REDS AND CHINA.

Only Object to Injure Britain.

The House of Lords discussed China. Lord Danesfort drew attention to recent Communist publications in Britain in which the interests of China were entirely ignored, the real object being to injure Britain and wreck the Empire. He hoped the Government would prosecute if the publications were criminal.

Lord Parnour (Labour) agreed. Lord Desborough, on behalf of the Government, declared that the

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCE.

COMPANY MEETING.

BANK OF CANTON'S 1926 FIGURES.

6 PER CENT. DIVIDEND.

The 16th annual meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was held at the head office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Li Yuk-tong (chairman) presided and was supported by Messrs. Li Po-kwai, Li Sing-kui, Li Yik-mui, Ng Yee-hon, Ng Yiu-tung, Tam Woon-tong, Tsang Yiu-tung, Choy Cheong, Chan Fu-cheung, Lam Woo (directors). Mr. Li Tze-chung (Sub-manager). Shareholders present were Messrs. Ma Ying-ping, Yuen Sing-kam, Lam Hong-ping, Kwa En ee, Leung Yuk-shan, Quan Shu-oh and several others.

Chairman's Speech.

Following the reading of the convening notice, the accounts and report were taken up. The chairman's review was:

The profit for the year including the success of \$18,733.12 balance brought forward from last account and after paying all charges and writing off bad and doubtful debts, amounts to \$1,233,598.26, which we have for appropriation. With this I propose to deal as follows:

To transfer to the Reserve Fund \$150,000.00
To transfer to the Reserve for bad and doubtful debts 300,000.00
To write off furniture, fixtures and vaults a/c 4,743.26
To branches organisation a/c 124,848.87
To pay a dividend at 6% per annum 519,824.52
To pay a bonus to directors and staff 72,465.70
To carry forward to next account 61,715.91

Business Satisfactory.

The conversion of our sterling capital into silver has been effected in accordance with the resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting on Oct. 23, 1926, and confirmed at a similar meeting on Nov. 10, 1926.

I am glad to be able to report that the Bank's business for the year under review is considered as satisfactory in face of the abnormal conditions prevailing.

I think there is nothing further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926.

When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question you may desire to ask.

Seconded's Speech.

Mr. Ng Yee-hon, in seconding the proposal, said:

I think all will agree that the report and accounts for 1926 show very satisfactory results of the year's working and with these remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and statement as presented.

No question was asked and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Li Po-kwai, Ng Yiu-tung, Chan Fu-cheung, Lam Woo, Choy Siu-woon and Tam Woon-tong, who retire from the board in accordance with the Articles of Association, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly. The election will take place on April 9.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,250—by a resolution proposed by Mr. Li Sing-kui and seconded by Mr. Ma Ying-ping.

Dividend warrants will be ready next week.

Canadian cheese factories are building up a large export trade for a special form of prepared cheese, to which Dr. Riddick, Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, applies the term "Processed Cheese." In 1925, the production of "Processed Cheese" amounted to \$2,652,569 pounds according to figures now available. This compares with 16,939,823 pounds in 1924. Exports of this cheese in the calendar year 1925 amounted to 21,981,532 pounds, as reported by the manufacturers.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially Authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000.00

Reserve Fund \$10,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

New York Bankers: The Irving National Bank.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms of application.

HARD FACTS.

BRITISH AND RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

MR. L. URQUHART'S CIRCULAR.

It is hardly possible to conceive a more forceful indictment of the methods of the Soviet Government than that circulated by Mr. Leslie Urquhart to Russo-Asiatic Consolidated shareholders. It would be idle for anybody seriously concerned in the finance and commerce of the country to contend either that the trade agreement has worked out satisfactorily or that the treatment accorded to the British investor has been of the kind he has the right to expect.

Bondholders need no reminder of the losses inflicted upon them or of the steadfast refusal of the Soviet to enter into a reasonable agreement for compensation. The situation of shareholders in undertakings engaged in pre-revolutionary days in opening up the resources of the vast Russian territory is no better. Their rights are held as of no account, and the prospect of any amelioration in existing circumstances is exceedingly slender.

Any hopes of voluntary restoration will be shattered by the Soviet Government's recent declaration that no confiscated properties will be returned and that no compensation will be paid. By reason of the magnitude of its claims the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, with its claim for \$56,000,000, is an outstanding example of the extent of the wrong done; but it needs to be remembered that the harm wrought to it represents the working of general policy by the Soviet. Where shareholders of that undertaking have failed to receive justice, no others can hope for a better fate if present circumstances are allowed to persist.

That is the inevitable conclusion to which we are forced by the effluxion of time. It is manifest, therefore, that if British investors are to be secured a measure of recompense an active policy is essential, in order to impress upon the Soviet the wisdom of reaching an acceptable accommodation. It is difficult to see how the expropriated interests can do more than they have done already. The question at issue is whether the British Government should be urged to take active steps to obtain redress, and whether any measures adopted could be rendered effective. Looking backward, Mr. Urquhart corrects the trade agreement of 1921 and the diplomatic recognition of 1924 as causes, with the consequences that have followed. There cannot be the slightest doubt that behind him is ranged a great mass of public opinion, which will become vocal in the forthcoming session of Parliament. It is not that people do not want to trade with the Soviet Union. On the contrary, they desire nothing more than that Russia should resume an honoured and trustworthy position among the nations, encourage capital to embark in Anglo-Russian trade and facilitate a growing exchange of commodities. Such developments presuppose sound basic conditions, which unfortunately do not exist.

Undoubtedly Mr. Urquhart is justified in his denunciation of Soviet methods. He describes the Soviet monopoly's operations as trade in stolen goods, and there will be few who will quarrel with his statement when they remember the millions of pounds worth of assets created by British capital that have been confiscated.

The problem that awaits solution is whether a Government system which has proved impervious to good will and has revealed to the world that its promises can command only distrust can be brought to reason by a reversal of method. The question is one that must be answered by the Government as trustee for the people it serves. Mr. Urquhart thinks that the withdrawal of diplomatic privileges would achieve the desired end. It certainly would clear the country, for a time at least, of the organized attempts at the destruction of our political and industrial systems. It might also cause the Soviet Administration to give renewed consideration to the just claims held against it on the ground of self-interest. Political and commercial morality, it is to be feared, are dead issues. Necessity might well modify measures if higher considerations do not enter. The pros and cons are many and important. Among them has to be reckoned the possible danger to the trade structure built up in recent years, and due consideration would need to be given to this aspect of any change of attitude on our part.

The risk does not appear to Mr. Urquhart to be great. He claims that in trade the Bolsheviks use us as their tool, that British trade with Russia is a mere 1% per cent. of our total, whereas in 1925 10% of our total, whereas in 1925 10% of our total, whereas in 1925 10% of our total.

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JAPAN'S TRADE.

ABSTRACT OF FEBRUARY FIGURES.

MONEY MARKET EASY.

By courtesy of the local Consulate-General, the Japan "Commercial Cable News" for February is given below.

The excess of imports over exports in February has been reduced by 36 million yen, compared with that of the same period of last year, due to the depression in import side.

Exchange was not affected by the earthquake in the Sanyin district and remained firm.

Money market—amount of both notes in circulation and loans notably declined owing to small demand and the interest rate also tended to the downward tendency. Market showed easiness.

Merchandise market improved. Freight and charter market: trend favourable.

Money Market.

Though some small local banks failed, the effect was rather slight. Amalgamations or straightenings of banks, manufactures of woollens, flours, hems and other industries are going on. The money market promises much improvement.

Foreign trade of Japan in February.

Exports 185 million Yen.
Imports 181 million Yen.

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TO LET.—Ground Floor, A.P.C. Building, Suitable as a Shop. Apply to Tabagueria Filipina, A.P.C. Building.

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WANTED.—Experienced Linotype Operator. Permanent situation for good man. Apply, stating previous experience, to Box No. 483, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Cabinet Gramophone (Pathe) nearly new, with 70 Selected Records. \$150. Apply Box 484, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.—Bungalow, 402, Severn Road, Peak. Partly furnished. Four Public Rooms, Five Bedrooms and usual offices. Tennis Court and extensive grounds. Possession from 1st June, 1927. Order to view on application to Messrs. "Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Bank Building."

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUR visiting cards neatly and promptly printed.—"China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham St., Telephone Central 22.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 5, Queen's Garden, May Road.

A Quantity of

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:—Sofas, Chairs, Cabinets, Dining Room Suite by Lane Crawford Ltd., Pictures, Rugs, Electrical Gear, etc. "Peak Bedstead" (by Lane Crawford, Ltd.) Dressing Tables, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, etc., etc. Bathroom, Pantry and Kitchen Requisites.

On View Sunday, the 27th March, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

ON

MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

Including:—China, Hong Kong & Broken Crown

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Saturday, the 26th March, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

ON

TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1927 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 28, Humphreys Building, Kowloon.

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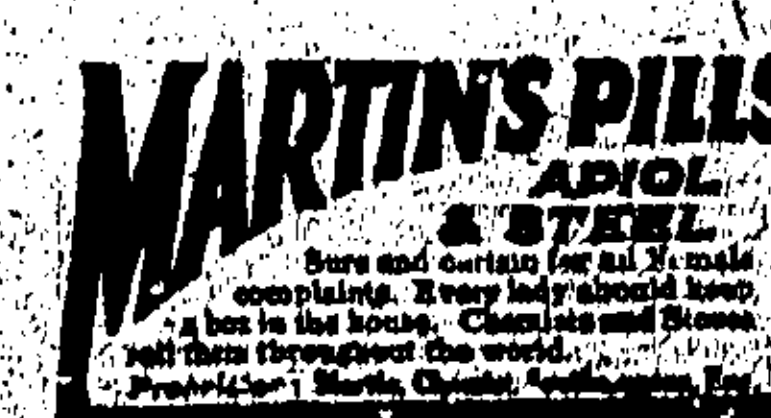
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On View from Noon, Monday, the 28th March, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.



NOTICES.

CLUB LUSITANO CIRCULAR

A Comissão Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar as Exmas. Srs. socios e suas Exmas. famílias das seguintes instituições: Club de Recreio, Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mútuos, Club Lusitano, os demais membros da Comunidade Portuguesa e os amigos do Exmo. Sr. Dr. José Castano Soares, para assistirem a recepção (cha e dança) que terá lugar na Sexta-feira, 25 de corrente, às 17.30, na Sala "Luiz de Camões" em honra de Exmo. Sr. Dr. JOSE CASTANO SOARES e sua Exma. Esposa.

O Secretário,
E. D. DA ROÇA
Hong Kong, 22 de Março de 1927

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association has been postponed to FRIDAY, April 1st, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

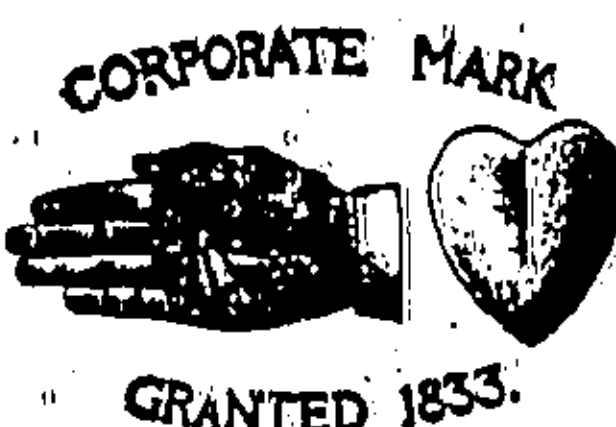
By Order,
G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

MR. E. A. RAM retires from this firm on 31st March, 1927, and will have no interest, non-responsibility in any work done by the firm after that date. The business will be carried on under the name of Denison, Ram & Gibbs by Messrs. L. Gibbs and E. F. R. Sample.

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1927.

ANNOUNCEMENT.



WE have This Day been appointed Agents for Hong Kong and South China, for SAMUEL OSBORN & CO., LTD. Sheffield.

Manufacturers of:—High Speed, Carbon and Manganese Steel, High Speed and Carbon Steel Twist Drills, Reamers, Milling Cutters, etc.; Files, Rasps and Saws; Manganese Steel Points & Crossings and Steel Castings and Forgings of all descriptions.

REISS, MASSEY & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 18TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 22nd March, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1927, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.50 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1, for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5, each up to FRIDAY, 25th March, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1927 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in the Pavilion of the Hong Kong Cricket Club on MONDAY, 28th inst., at 5.30. Clubs interested are asked to send a representative.

G. W. SEWELL,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

NOTICE.

WE beg to inform the public that hitherto cheques and other negotiable instruments, and all other documents, chopped with the chop of our firm and countersigned by our Manager, Mr. Pun Yat Kai, only, were recognized and admitted by us. Mr. Pun Yat Kai, however, being now unable to reside permanently in Hong Kong owing to business affairs abroad, WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on and after this date our firm will recognize and admit all cheques and other negotiable instruments and all other documents chopped with the chop of our firm and countersigned by either the said Mr. Pun Yat Kai or our Treasurer, Mr. Woo Pak Fong, and we shall not be responsible for or recognize any documents otherwise executed.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1927.

潘逸佳

香港同茂茶棧

No. 219, Des Voeux Road, West.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Hamatic, from Tokyo.
Puberal, from Yokohama.
Tzeto, from Tientsin.
Lyon, from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong:

Rufino Martinez, Kowloon Hotel, from Manila.

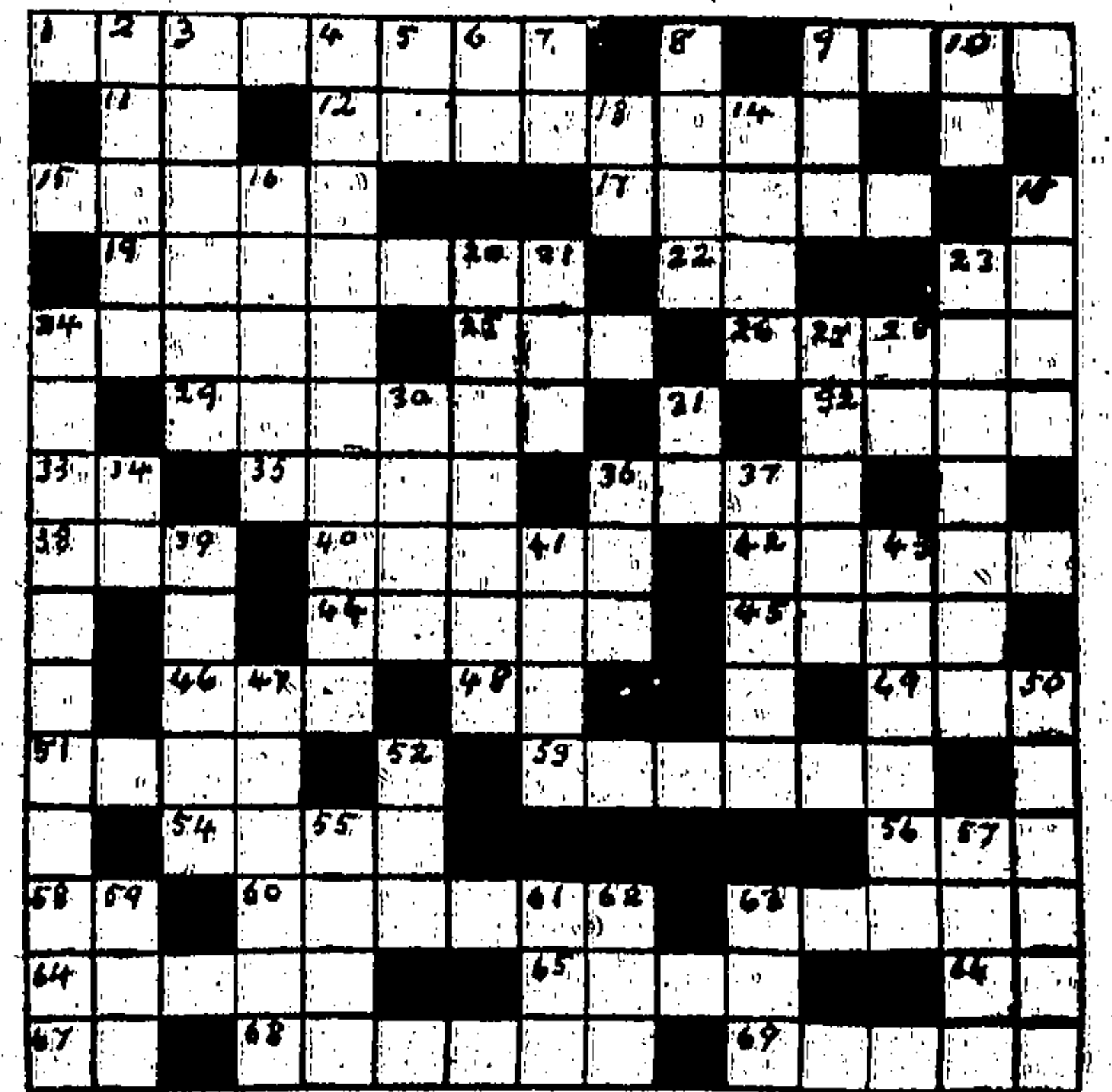
E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

NO. 10—\$50 MUST BE WON

FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.

1. The PRIZES in this competition are AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar. Letters sent through the post must not contain coins as they will not be delivered by the Post Office.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-Words,"

c/o "China Mail" Offices,

No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong:

DEAR SIR,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for..... solution (s) which are attached.

Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 28.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. A long picture or writing in silk, that rolls up (Jap.).
9. To grasp.
11. Prefix meaning "Twice" or "Double."
12. Magazine for military stores.
15. Fierce.
17. Sombre guano.
19. Bent down.
22. Exclamation of joy.
23. To proceed.
24. A large watery fruit.
25. A point.
26. Soils.
29. The right of first choice belonging to the eldest.
32. Lengthens.
33. Sixth note in scale.
35. A peer of the realm.
36. A tap for liquor.
37. Printer's measure (plural).
40. To form as an orb.
42. To stir up.
44. A genus of moths.
45. An eagle's nest.
46. A period of years.
48. Electro-plate (abbrev).
49. The yarn for a weaver's warp.
51. To cry like an owl.
52. Sombre.
54. Prescribed foodstuff.
56. IAN (actual).
58. IA (actual).
59. To proceed.
60. One of the irregular Turkish cavalry.
64. Trouble reed musical instruments.
65. A Greek spoutless vase or jug.
66. We.
67. NA (actual).
68. Heavily built.
69. An inlet of the sea.

Clues Down.

2. Ill use.
3. An upper garment.
4. A salad dressing.
5. Alternative.
6. NS (actual).
7. OE (actual).
8. To mix small.
9. HST (actual).
10. Number abbreviated.
13. Word of denial.
14. A limestone.
16. Unbound.
18. To fling heedlessly.
20. To confine.
21. A maid employed in a dairy.
23. GREASYB (actual).
24. A wrong doing.
27. A country bumpkin (then reverse it).
28. United Kingdoms (abbrev).
30. The eagle.
31. To perform any action.
34. First pers. sing. of verb "To Be."
36. CBA (actual).
37. A thin silk.
39. The wing case of a beetle.
41. Turn open.
45. The muse of astronomy.
47. Severe spasmodic pains in the intestines.
50. To send away.
52. Consumed.
55. First.
57. To close.
59. A camel's hair garment.
61. A tooth on a wheel.
62. A town in Cambridgeshire.
68. SEP (actual).

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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Mr. D. H. Maxwell, sup'y second engineer, "Antung," has gone sup'y second engineer, "Fatahan."

Mr. W. Niblock, sup'y chief engineer, "Sunning," is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Turner, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Linan."

Mr. R. W. Russell, sup'y third engineer, "Chenan," has gone sup'y second engineer, "Chusan."

Mr. A. B. Bowler, acting second engineer, "Chusan," is on Home leave.

Mr. J. H. Stephen, chief engineer, "Linan," has gone chief engineer, "Suiyang."

Mr. A. N. McDonald, chief engineer, "Suiyang," is on reserve.

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, chief engineer, "Kweiyang," has gone chief engineer, "Linan."

Mr. A. McLeod, chief engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone chief engineer, "Kweiyang."

Mr. A. Campbell, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Mr. J. Black, sup'y third engineer, "Linan," has gone third engineer, "Chengtu."

Mr. A. Dunne, third engineer, "Anhui," has gone third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Mr. C. E. Stuart, sup'y third engineer, "Nanning," has gone third engineer, "Anhui."

Mr. R. H. Knight, third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Nanning."

Captain T. Croft, from Home leave, has gone master, "Cheong-shing."

Captain D. R. Kilbee, of the "Cheong-shing," is on Home leave.

Mr. A. Robertson, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Chaksang."

Mr. H. R. Dobson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwangsang."

Mr. W. J. Turner, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Yahshing."

Mr. H. S. Allison, chief officer, "Tuckwo," has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. J. Rees, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. C. C. Warren, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwangsang."

Mr. H. T. Sawyer has been appointed second officer, "Siangwo."

Mr. S. A. Marchant, second officer, "Siangwo," is on Home leave.

Mr. J. Shiel, second officer, "Kwangsang," has gone second officer, "Suiwo."

Mr. G. A. R. Powell, second officer, "Suiwo," has gone second officer, "Leesang."

Mr. A. McN. Marshall, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. A. Paton, acting second engineer, "Tingsang," has gone third engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. P. Stewart, sup'y second engineer, "Kangwo," has gone second engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. D. Smith, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. C. T. Patterson, chief engineer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. Perry, second officer, "Hal-ching," has gone to shore duty.

Mr. E. T. Evans, third officer, "Hal-ching," has gone second officer, same ship.

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The other three vessels will be twin-screw all tank steamers of about 3,700 tons dead weight each. They are to be built by Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Co., Ltd., Jarrow-on-Tyne, also on the Isherwood system, and their machinery will be constructed by Richardson, Westgarth, and Co., Ltd.

The contracts were placed by Mr. George H. Taber, vice-president of the Gulf Refining Co., of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., and the negotiations were carried out by Sir Joseph W. Isherwood, Bt., who will supervise the construction of the vessels. Those to be built at Jarrow are for the Venezuelan business of the Gulf Refining Co. British steel is to be used. The vessels to be built by the Furness Company will be the largest ever constructed on the Tees.

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BRITISH NAVY'S NEW 16-IN. MODELS.

When the battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney" are commissioned, which a cable message states will be in late summer, the heavy artillery of the Fleet will be augmented by 18 weapons of unrivalled power.

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The B. I. s.s. "Teesta" left Singapore for this port on March 18, p.m., and is due here to-morrow, a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on March 18, and is due at Vancouver on March 27.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Friday, 8th April.
HAWAII MARU	Thursday, 5th May.
LA PLATA MARU	Thursday, 5th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Sunday, 2nd April.
SUMATRA MARU	Tuesday, 19th April.
HONOLULU MARU	Tuesday, 19th April.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Sunday, 1st May.
MEXICO MARU	Sunday, 1st May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	Tuesday, 28th March.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	Tuesday, 28th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Sunday, 27th March.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai)	Sunday, 27th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL.	Thursday, 14th April.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 14th April.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	Friday, 15th April.
AEGUN MARU (From Shanghai)	Friday, 15th April.
JAPAN PORTS	Thursday, 24th March.
SOURABAYA MARU	Tuesday, 12th April.
ANDES MARU	Beginning of April.
KINZAN MARU	Beginning of April.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 27th March, 10 a.m.
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	Departure	Sunday	March 21	5 p.m.
KAMBONGAN	Arrival	Monday	March 21	5 p.m.
	Departure	Wednesday	March 23	6 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Arrival	Wednesday	March 23	2 p.m.
	Departure	Saturday	March 26	6 a.m.
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Mrs. Alice Dawson, desire to express
their thanks and appreciation to
friends for the many kind enquiries
made during her illness, for their
attendance at the funeral, and for
the numerous floral tributes sent.

Mrs. Laura White and the family
of Mr. White (late Master-at-Arms
of the "Empress of Russia"), No.
1765, Gravelly Street, Vancouver,
beg to tender their heartfelt thanks
to all those who sent wreaths and
expressed sympathy in their recent
bereavement.

Hong Kong, Thursday, March 24, 1927.

"TO INJURE BRITAIN."

Step by step Soviet machinations
and intrigue against Great
Britain are being exposed. The
Home papers to hand reveal a
systematic campaign urging the
Government to end once and for
all our relations with the Soviet
and to cancel the Russo-British
Trade Agreement, the terms of
which have been flagrantly violated
by the Soviet. Every fresh
spoke in Russia's wheel is to be
welcomed so long as she carries
on her insidious propaganda
against Great Britain beyond the
borders of Soviet territory.

In the House of Lords attention
has been called to recent Com-
munist publications in Great Bri-
tain in which the interests of
China are entirely ignored, the
real object being to injure Bri-
tain and wreck the Empire. Lord
Danesfort, who may still be better
known as Mr. J. G. Butcher, for-
merly Conservative M.P. for York
City, expressed the hope that the
Government would prosecute if
the publications were criminal. In
this view, it is refreshing to find,
Lord Parmour, the Labour Peer
who held office under the Ramsay
MacDonald Administration, fully
agreed. This is all to the good.
If Lord Parmour and other La-
bour leaders rally round the Gov-
ernment in such matters the
moral effect on the extremists in
the Labour Party will undoubtedly
be of great value.

Our Chinese friends should
carefully note the exposure of
these Communist publications an-

tirely ignoring the interests of
China. This merely demonstrates
what has been pointed out in the
Press of the Far East all along—
that the interests of China do not
really elicit any genuine sym-
pathy in Soviet Russia, whose
object is to alienate two great
nations who have always been on
most friendly terms with each
other. China is simply being used
by Moscow as a pawn in the game
of seeking not only to irritate
Great Britain but to go further
and wreck the whole British Em-
pire. There is, of course, not the
slightest chance of Moscow ever
succeeding in her nefarious de-
signs. But, even if there were—
for the sake of argument—China
would assuredly discover to her
cost that her last state would be
worse than her first. There is still
time for her to read the writing on
the wall and to free herself from
the shackles of Moscow.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

MISSIONARIES LEAVE FOR
UPCOUNTRY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, March 24.
The ferry launch "Kung Yik" has
gone into dock for overhaul and for
two weeks the "Cheung Chau" will
take her place.
A big match is being erected
outside the fishermen's temple for
the annual theatrical performance
and observances.
The recent rains have brought out
the spring buds after an unusually
cold winter.
Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., was
over on Sunday last to conduct the
service in the Chinese Chapel in
connection with the New Territory
Evangelization Society (the annual
meeting of which is to be held this
evening). Special mention is made
in the report of the support given to
this work by the visitors and for-
eign residents.
Owing to the return to the coun-
try of many of the missionaries, no
service was held in the Hall on
Sunday last. This is the first break
for nearly two years.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

REVISED EDITION NOW
ISSUED.

London, March 23.

A new edition has been issued
of the revised Prayer Book, con-
taining the changes made by the
house of Bishops since the presen-
tation of the book to the convoca-
tions on February 7.
The main feature is a preface,
which, appearing for the first
time, declares: "We are living in
a new world. It is ours if we be
true to the faith that is in us to
seek and make it a better world."
Also, "We do not dare to think that
the book of common prayer fitted
to the seventeenth century can supply
the want of the twentieth."
Certain names of saints omitted
from the calendar are reintroduced,
including Saints Crispin, Nicholas
and Catherine.
The title of the book now reads,
"The book of 1662, with additions
and deviations approved in 1927."
The word "permissive" is drop-
ped. It is now decided no longer
to print the Rubrics from the
Prayer Book, which must be re-
garded as superseded and modified
by new Rubrics.—Reuter.

PEAK VACCINATIONS.

The St. John Ambulance Association
will give public vaccinations
near the Peak Hotel entrance as
below:—
Friday: 8.30 to 8.30 p.m.
Saturday: 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Sunday: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
and 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Residents are invited to send
their Chinese servants, who wish to
be vaccinated. No fees are charged
or may be accepted.

CHILD'S HURTS.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY NOT
PROVED.

CASE'S SUDDEN END.

The case in which a Straits Chi-
nese woman living at No. 134
Belchers Street, Kennedy Town, is
charged with cruelty to a little
servant girl had a dramatic ending
in Mr. Lindsay's Court yesterday
afternoon when the girl, in the wit-
ness box, said that the "whole fact
and truth" of the case was that she
fell down herself. Her mistress
did not know of the fall. "She has
always treated me very well," the
child added.
Lady Pollock occupied a seat on
the bench next to the Magistrate
during the hearing of the case.
The accused was defended by Mr.
G. K. Hall Brutton.

The proprietor of a tile factory
occupying the ground floors of Nos.
132 and 134 Belchers Street, adjoin-
ing houses with a common stairway,
said earlier on the morning of March
23 he found the little girl crouching
behind the door leading into the
kitchen. She had dried blood on
her head and her clothing was
blood stained. He informed the
police. He never saw the girl be-
fore and did not know she lived with
the accused on the first floor of
No. 134.
Answering the Magistrate the
witness said he did not know how
the child got into his premises as
both the front and back doors had
been locked throughout the night.
Medical evidence as to the child's
condition when she was admitted to
hospital was given by Dr. D. J.
Valentine, a wound on the left side
of her head just above the eye, in
his opinion, could have been caused
by a fall. The girl presented a
peculiar condition with regard to
hands and feet. The skin was red,
hard and cracked, specially between
the fingers and toes. Both hands
and feet looked as though she had
done a lot of work and had suffered
constant exposure. Witness added
that he had never seen a case like
this before and it looked "very
strange." It appeared as if the girl
had to draw strings or thread be-
tween her hands. The palms and
soles were hard and reddish look-
ing as if from toil. The girl was
moderately nourished, but was not
very clean, her hair being vermin
infested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hall
Brutton, witness said that the
wound on the forehead though
compatible with a fall, could also
have been caused by a glancing
blow with some weapon.

The child was then called and
she made the statement mentioned
above.

In view of this Mr. Lindsay said
he could not proceed further with
the case.
Replying to a question, Sgt.
O'Connor said that the girl had
made two statements, one to him-
self and the other to Sgt. Whant
to the effect that her mistress had
beaten her with bamboo poles. It
was on the strength of these state-
ments that the police decided to pro-
ceed against the defendant.

Mr. Brutton said that he could
prove that the child had never been
beaten. The defendant had five
children of her own, and this little
girl was her sixth child, as she had
adopted her. On March 7, when
all went to bed at 11 p.m. and when
the household woke in the morning,
they found the girl missing. A
ladder had been put against a fend
light, and the window was partly
broken. The defendant at once
sent a little boy out to search but
as the people who occupied the
ground floor were still asleep, they
did not make enquiries there. Fur-
thermore, she had to prepare break-
fast for her husband who works in
a bank. The girl was in the habit
of climbing up ladders and it was
apparent that she must have fallen
to the ground floor that night while
engaged in her pranks. The little
girl was also fond of playing with
water and that probably accounted
for the redness and hardness of her
hands and feet.

The Magistrate discharged the
defendant and referred the child to
the S.C.A. who is to take respon-
sibility for the girl's future.

Outside the Court the child made
a tearful appeal to be allowed to
return home, but was led away
kindly by a Chinese detective.

DISARMAMENT.

FRANCE CIRCULATES DRAFT
TREATY.

Geneva, March 23.

The French delegation to the
disarmament committee has distrib-
uted a draft treaty containing
thirty articles, limiting armaments.
No figures are laid down.
It provides that in case of un-
justified aggression, the attacked
party should inform the League
and its mobilisation will be freed
ipso facto from the obligations of
the proposed treaty, subject to the
obligations of the League Covenant
if the attacked country is a member
of the League.

It provides that no warship shall
exceed a certain tonnage and
armament. No warship except in
case of loss, shall be replaced be-
fore the age limit. It also pro-
vides for annual returns of expan-
diture.
The duration of the treaty is not
mentioned.—Reuter.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of the Ninth
Puzzle.

TWO TIE FOR FIRST PLACE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in
announcing the result of its ninth
Cross-Word Puzzle Competition
which has been won by two com-
petitors with only one error apiece.
These two competitors are:—

Mrs. P. E. Basket,
c/o Messrs. A. S. Watson &
Co., Ltd.

Mr. F. M. Ozorio,
29, Jordan Road,
Kowloon.

The \$50 prize will be divided
between the two winners, and in
accordance with the rules cheques
will be sent to them four days
hence, under registered cover, to-
gether with the congratulations of
the "China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.
1, NOCIOUS; 5, NONAGON; 9,
OT; 10, OMO; 12, RA; 13, CHOICE;
NESS; 18, CHAT; 19, EELS; 20,
COB; 22, TU; 23, TR; 24, AGIS-
TOR; 27, PER; 28, OBVIOUSNESS;
33, CUSTODIAL; 34, CREAK; 36,
PYLON; 39, ULCER; 41, LED; 43,
INCASE; 45, RATE; 47, TONS; 49,
TA; 50, ENVICIOUS; 52, SB; 54,
GUN; 55, SE; 56, MISRATE; 57,
DANGLES.

Down.
1, NICETY; 2, OTHER; 3, ORE;
4, SON; 5, NOS; 6, NO; 7, ORATE;
8, NATURE; 11, MENSURABLE;
14, OLIO; 15, IS; 16, ENGELS;
17, SCONE; 18, CB; 21, ORE; 24,
AV; 25, 10; 26, TS; 27, PS; 29,
BUTTONS; 30, SURE; 31, DUTY;
32, RARE; 35, TERN; 36, PRISM;
37, LIN; 38, NC; 39, USAGE; 40,
RAVEN; 43, LED; 42, DOTES; 44,
AT; 45, TI; 43, OBI; 50, END; 51,
USE; 53, MA.

VARSIITY COMMERCE.

PAST STUDENTS' SOCIETY'S
REPORT.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. P. I. Wong (retiring Chair-
man) presided over the annual
meeting of the Association of Past
Commercial Students of the Hong
Kong University Union yesterday.
He was supported by several offi-
cers of the organisation including
Mr. Pun Yuk-wah (retiring
Honorary Secretary and Treas-
urer), Mr. G. W. Keeton (Adviser
to the department of Commerce)
and Mr. B. N. Talati (Editor of the
"Commercial Journal"). There
was a fair attendance of members.

The statement of accounts for
the past year presented by Mr. Pun
Yuk-wah, showed a balance of \$100
on the credit side. There was a
deficit on the dinner of \$50, but this,
it was reported, was paid off by
Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the
Chinese Chamber of Commerce,
thanks to the efforts of the Hon.
Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

The effect on the membership of
the industrial depression was the
subject of reference in the year's
report, read by the Hon. Secretary.
The membership now stood at 31,
of which 26 were undergraduates.
The Society regretted the absence
of their energetic President, Mr.
W. J. Hinton, who left on Home
furlough in May last.

Experimental Farm Visit.
A few social functions had been
held, Sir Robert Ho Tung's Experi-
mental Farm at Sheung Shui had
been visited and a farewell party
to Mr. W. J. Hinton held prior to
his departure on Home leave.

The Annual Dinner of the Asso-
ciation was held on Saturday,
February 26th, 1927, in the Great
Hall of the University. The Hon.
Dr. R. H. Kotewall, officiating as
president, welcomed the official
guests, among whom were Mr.
W. W. Hornell, C.B.E., M.A., the
Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Li Yau-tsun,
the chairman of the Hong Kong
Chinese Chamber of Commerce,
Mr. Paul Lauder, the Hon. Treas-
urer of the University, the Hon.
Sir Shou-son Chow, and Prof. G. T.
Byrne, M.Sc., the Dean of the
Faculty of Arts.

Election of Officers.

Officers for the ensuing year were
elected as under:—President, Mr.
Professor W. J. Hinton, M.A.;
Graduate Vice-President, Mr. Wei
Tat, B.A. (Camb.); Honorary Vice-
Presidents, the Hon. Dr. R. H.
Kotewall, Mr. Li Yau-tsun (Chair-
man of the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce), the Chairman of the
Hong Kong General Chamber of
Commerce, and Mr. Keeton, B.A.;
Chairman, Mr. Than Kai-hua; Hon.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Li Ho-
lung; Graduate Secretary, Mr. B. M.
Talati; Editor of the "Commercial
Journal," Mr. B. M. Talati; Busi-
ness Manager, Mr. P. I. Wong;
Editorial Board, Mr. M. A. Khan,
B.A., Mr. N. V. Nguyen, B.A.
(Camb.) and Mr. Lim Peng-tong.
Following the election of officers,
a discussion on the affairs of the
Association took place.

It was reported that the "Com-
mercial Journal" (the official organ
of the Association) is making good
progress, and that its next issue
will be published in about a fortnight's time, being now in the
hands of the printers.

ROPE COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD
TO-DAY.

"SOME IMPROVEMENT"

That there are now some signs of
improvement—but further than
that he would not commit himself
—was announced to-day by Mr.
R. G. Shewan (chairman) at the an-
nual meeting of the Hong Kong
Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held
in St. George's Building.

Reference was also made to the
taking over by the military of the
new factory at Kowloon.
Supporting Mr. Shewan were Sir
Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White,
Mr. Allan Cameron (consulting com-
mittee) and Mr. J. Coulthart (sec-
retary). Shareholders present were:
Messrs.—A. L. Shields, Allan Keith,
W. Gardner, F. J. Tavares, J.
Toppin, C. M. Osmund, M. A.
Figueiredo, A. A. Botelho.
The convening notice and aud-
itors' report were read and the re-
port and accounts taken as read.

Profit & Turnover.
Addressing the meeting, the
chairman said:—

The working account for the year
shows a profit of \$63,616.25 as
against \$50,478.50 for the previous
year, not a great improvement, but
it is encouraging in face of the de-
pression in shipping and general
stagnation of trade throughout the
past twelve months.

The turnover for the year, as
compared with 1925, is slightly
larger but is almost the lowest we
have ever had and we cannot ex-
pect to do much better till a general
revival in trade sets in.

After providing for interest
\$38,873.37, depreciation \$22,908.65
and other charges, the net profit
is reduced to \$1,274.60 as against
\$24,778.99 last year and this is
chiefly accounted for by an increase
of \$18,122.33 in interest and the
falling off in rents collected of
\$16,466.95.

House Property Revenue.

The reduction in revenue from
house property is of course the re-
sult of the exodus of Chinese from
the Colony. As I told you last year
there were only 30 flats occupied
at the end of 1925 and this figure
slowly fell to 25 in April when a
fresh demand set in and gradually
increased so that to-day we have 31
flats let, bringing up our income for
last month (February) to \$1,074
against \$1,020 for the correspond-
ing month of last year—and 31 flats
still to let.

These figures, owing to the low
rents obtainable, are of course a
very poor return on the value of
the property but they show a dis-
tinct improvement in the situation
which we can but hope will con-
tinue and increase.

Kowloon Factory.

The construction of the new fac-
tory at Kowloon is now completed,
but as there is no pressing neces-
sity to go to the expense of trans-
ferring the plant and machinery at
Kennedy Town to the new site, we
have leased the buildings and land
at Ma-tau-kok to the Military
Authorities at a figure which will
just about cover bank interest on
the cost of the property. There is,
of course, no question of making a
profit but it will help us to meet
expensive until conditions of trade
improve and better times arrive.

On the whole although the past
year has not been a good one for
the Company—owing to circum-
stances beyond our control—the
political troubles in China, etc., I
think as regards the future I may
say that there are now some signs
of improvement but further than
that I do not care to go under the
present circumstances.

Balance Carried Forward.

I cannot sit down without re-
cording our deep regret at the loss
from our board of the late Hon. Mr.
P. H. Holyoak who always took a
warm interest in the business of
this company and whose advice was
of great assistance to us.

I now beg to propose that the re-
port and accounts as presented be
adopted and passed and that the
balance at credit of Profit and Loss
Account of \$218,976.00 be carried
forward to next year's account.

When that has been seconded I
shall be pleased to answer any
questions from shareholders.
Mr. H. P. White seconded. No
question was put and the motion
was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business transacted by the
meeting comprised:—
Re-election of Sir Robert Ho
Tung, Mr. H. P. White and Mr.
Allan Cameron to the Consulting
Committee—proposed by Mr. A.
Keith, seconded by Mr. W. Gardner.
Re-election of Messrs. Linstead &
Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith,
Seth & Fleming as auditors for the
current year—proposed by Mr.
M. A. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr.
P. J. Tavares.

In attempting to alight from a
tramcar in motion in Des
Voeux Road West, yesterday, a
Chinese fell and was injured on
the head. He is now in hospital.

Believed to be a lunatic, a Chin-
ese, yesterday severely injured
himself by jumping into the nullah
in Waterloo Street, off the No. 5
Railway Bridge. He was taken to
Kowloon hospital in a serious con-
dition.

BIAS BAY EVIL.

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In the two hamlets which form part of the Hoi Chau group (already referred to), there were about thirty houses destroyed by fire and seven or eight by explosion. In the bigger village behind the hill, fifty or sixty houses were destroyed by one or the other method. It is significant to add that in some cases explosions, obviously resulting from ammunition, were heard to take place in the burning buildings.

Pirates Abscond.

Here, the landing party found the only native who had remained behind to await their arrival. He came from his hiding place when a nearby house was blown up. Answering questions he said that four or five pirates had absconded from that village when the force landed. He professed ignorance as to the whereabouts of the five Chinese kidnapped from the "Seng Bae" but averred that the elders of the adjacent village of Cheung Fai might be able to produce those unfortunates, provided that the elders were arrested by the expedition and held for examination. This step was not taken. The man was released and commissioned to hand his fellow villagers copies of the Chinese notices explaining the reasons for the landing.

Stern Warning.

These notices were in the following terms:—

"This punishment is inflicted on this village on account of the repeated piracy of British ships by the inhabitants of this region. If any further piracies are committed by the inhabitants of this region the punishment will be repeated." This notice had been specially prepared and copies were posted in and around the various villages destroyed. Copies were also given to villagers who returned just as the force was leaving.

These two landing parties also destroyed about twenty fishing junks and smaller craft that were found near the beach of Hoi Chau.

The Humorous Side.

The expedition did not lack its humorous side. For example, one detonation frightened a large number of fowls which took to the air like a covey of partridges. They alighted in the sea, but thanks to the shallow water, were able to reach the shore in safety. Again at Hoi Chau, a dapper Naval officer was seen carrying a hen coup and chickens from the vicinity of a burning house into the safety of the temple, which of course, it had been emphasised in orders, was on no account to be damaged.

In the second hamlet not a little excitement was caused by the squealings of a pig. A party rushed to the rescue, only to be met by a Marine valiantly embracing a half-grown pig which he was carrying into safety. A Naval officer was observed in this village carrying a large covered saucepan and in answer to questions explained that he was going to feed his crew—consisting of the Chinese hands of a sampan which he had commandeered. The saucepan contained rice and vegetables which no doubt were appreciated.

Junks Burned.

While the land operations were in progress a Naval party was busy rounding up and destroying junks in the outer harbour. Fan-lo-kong-viet. The crews were first questioned by this party and were then disembarked. Junks to the number of about seven were here destroyed. On one junk five rifles were found and taken away.

During the operations, sampans from H.M.S. "Hermes" were overheard, observing and reporting. "All this time the hills were crowded with Chinese watching what was going forward. Just before the expedition re-embarked—at 10.30 a.m.—a few of the villagers drifted back to the sentries. They were given copies of the explanatory notice by members of the Hong Kong Police.

There was no opposition nor were there any casualties on either side. Re-embarkation began at 10.30 a.m. and the landing parties reached their ships shortly before 2 p.m. The expedition then returned to Hong Kong, reaching the harbour about 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

A Pillar of Smoke.

That the expedition will have most salutary results there can be no doubt. Owing to the set of the wind the smoke from the burning villages was carried high into the air and blown far inland, conveying a direct object lesson for miles and miles.

means of dealing with the evil was for the British to station a warship in the neighbourhood of Bias Bay for the purpose of intercepting pirate craft returning with their booty. Needless to add, this is the duty of the Chinese authorities but Mr. Chen's remark is significant.

Canton's Supineness.

The Hong Kong Government has made many efforts to secure the co-operation of the Canton Government to deal with the Bias Bay evil. The Canton Government has repeatedly professed its readiness to help but has made no real move whatever in this direction. The only steps it has taken have been against political enemies in the neighbourhood, the last being against General Lo Kwan who had exercised authority in that region as an uncrowned king, collecting the taxes and levying tolls without any control whatever from Canton. General Lo Kwan has since left the district, having fled to Shanghai. The Canton Government has made no effort to suppress piracy at Bias Bay either by sending troops against the pirate villages or by stationing troops in the district to preserve order and prevent pirates getting ashore with their booty.

LONDON OPINION.

Uselessness of Canton's "Efforts."

Rugby, March 23.

Monday night's act of piracy, when between Swatow and Hong Kong, the steamer "Hopsang" was taken to Bias Bay and looted, has emphasised the urgent need for the measures which have now been taken by the British to suppress pirates in that locality.

The "Hopsang" is the third British vessel that has been looted since November, and in January a Chinese steamer was also attacked.

The procedure in most cases is that pirates masquerading as passengers hold up a vessel and force the captain to take them to Bias Bay, which is a nest of pirates, and here cargo is unloaded.

The pirates apparently have no regular personnel, but the leaders collect what men they want from Bias Bay, and afterwards allow these individuals to return to their work as agricultural labourers.

Repeated protests have been made to the Cantonese authorities, and recently the latter took some steps against the anti-Cantonese guerrilla bands on the west side of the bay, but their co-operation against the pirates' nests on the east and north-east side failed.

In 1925 there was a joint expedition in which the British Navy, Army and Police co-operated with the Chinese, but since the boycott started in Canton piracy has increased until it has become a serious menace both to life and trade.—British Wireless Service.

SERIOUS MENACE.

London, March 23.

Reuter learns that the Government is seriously considering the question of piracy in the vicinity of Hong Kong in view of the fact that the Cantonese are unable to take effective action in spite of repeated protests.

The increase in Canton piracy since the boycott has become a serious menace to life and property, and it is obvious some steps must be taken.—Reuter.

Bias Bay Expedition.

The absence of the warships from the harbour yesterday was the subject of reference in our yesterday's issue.

The following brief official communiqué was issued last night:—

"His Majesty's 'Hermes' and two cruisers carried out an anti-piracy expedition at Bias Bay this morning, returning this evening. The operations were carried out successfully. There was no bloodshed."

ARMS SEIZURE.

DETAILS OF "HAUL ON THE 'HOPSANG'."

TEN CHINESE DETAINED.

The arms seized on board the "Hopsang" yesterday is officially listed as follows:—Nine revolvers, 20 Lewis machine guns, one automatic pistol, 19,800 rounds of rifle ammunition, 280 rounds of revolver ammunition, 100 automatic ammunition, 25 drums Lewis gun ammunition, three Lewis gun tripods and a spare Lewis gun barrel.

Ten Chinese members of the engine room staff are detained. As the result of being bitten by a dog in Wellington Street a Chinese was yesterday taken to the hospital for treatment. The dog was not captured.

ARMED MOBS.

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publications were skilfully drawn up, and kept within the law, except one inciting mutiny, but there was not sufficient evidence of authorship to warrant a prosecution.

Lord Desborough recalled the proposals to China leading to the Hankow agreement. He said the terms were still open for Mr. Eugene Chen to make a similar arrangement at Shanghai.

The Government hoped for such, but recognised that the whole of China was in such a state of disintegration that the hands of Mr. Chen were fully occupied.—Reuter.

THE FRIENDLY HAND.

Banker and the British Offers.

London, March 23.

Presiding at the annual dinner of the British Overseas Banks' Association in London, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, the Chairman of the Association, referring to China, hoped it was not in vain that Britain had extended the hand of friendship and conciliation to China.

He firmly believed that when the internal strife ended, the expansion of British trade with China would be unimpeded.

Any subsequent treaty revision should embody that security for the lives and property in the treaty ports which foreigners might reasonably look for, and on which they understood Japan, at any rate, would insist.—Reuter.

Future Uncertain.

Lord Birkenhead, in responding to the toast to his health, referred to China and said that he discerned little prospect at the moment of the complete liquidation of a situation which must precede the restoration of normal conditions.

He knew of nobody, however, experienced in Chinese affairs, who would venture to attempt a clear, confident prediction regarding what is likely to happen in China in the next few years, the next few months, or even the next few weeks.

It was known, of course, that what is behind the recent disturbances—and particularly the menacing movement in the Nationalist armies—is an element not native to China, which had little in common with the ancient philosophic spirit of China and still less with its practical spirit of commercial common sense.—Reuter.

"We Have Gone Further."

We could only wait patiently until some power emerged competent to speak for China as a whole. We had invested in China vast sums which had been not less fruitful to China than to English investors.

We had gone further than any other nation in the world, which had commitments comparable to ours in showing that we were willing to admit modifications of our treaty rights which are greatly prejudicial, because we realised that if it was a new and genuinely awakened spirit in China neither common sense nor prudence dictated insistence upon a rigid adherence to the letter of our treaties.

"Insensate Malignity."

We undertook a greater degree of self-sacrifice than any nation in the world and in return we, almost alone, had been pursued by an insensate and destructive malignity to which no other nation had been exposed.

After criticism of the Labour Party and the opposition in regard to the despatch of forces to China, Lord Birkenhead said that the Government was satisfied that no other course was open to it. He concluded by believing that the education and sophistication of China would ultimately triumph, then nobody would be more willing to help the Chinese than the Britons.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Kuomintang General's Manifesto.

Shanghai, March 23. General Pai Ching-hsi, who is commanding the Southerners in Shanghai and who is also General Chang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff, in a manifesto addressed to the Chinese people, states, inter alia:

For 80 years the Imperialists, under the protection of unequal treaties, have reduced China to vassalage. After the Revolution of 1911, the Imperialists continually supplied the Chinese Imperialists with rifles and guns with which they waged war during the past 15 years. On the one hand, foreign Imperialists checked the development of Chinese education and industries, and on the other secured for themselves special privileges. But the Chinese have now awakened, and Shanghai, the greatest commercial centre of the Far East, would become not only a strong base for Chinese Nationalism but for World Revolution. The people must distinguish, however, between attacking Imperial-

ism and foreigners, and must not insult foreigners or destroy their property.

General Pai Ching-hsi urges arbitration to avoid strikes and also deprecates the exorbitant demands of workers, which result in the closing of the factories altogether.—Reuter.

Pai Ching-hsi Anti-Red.

Shanghai, March 23.

Up till noon to-day the foreign authorities had not been able to get in touch with Pai Ching-hsi, but expect to soon, as he has taken up his quarters within a few yards of the French border. He is a moderate Nationalist and a close friend of General Chang Kai-shek. He is believed to be very anti-Red and much opposed to extremism of any kind. So, however, are the Nationalist moderates of Hankow. It remains to be seen whether he will succeed in controlling the "Left Wingers," where the former has failed. Moreover, the temptation to use the terrorist methods which the "Reds" favour is almost irresistible, so effective and successful have they hitherto proved in Shanghai and up the Yangtze.—Reuter.

Shanghai's Strike.

Shanghai, March 23. The strike situation is much the same. 160,000 persons are out. The Customs Chinese employees struck to-day as the result of intimidation. This, combined with the Post Office strike, has caused a temporary commercial eclipse in Shanghai.—Reuter.

The "Times" on the Crisis.

Shanghai, March 23. Headed "Chaos in Shanghai," the "Times," in a leader, says that the turning point in Shanghai has come in a manner that far more than justifies the dispatch of the Defence Force by Britain.

What is happening now in Shanghai must inevitably arouse the greatest anxiety. The only firm centre in the present chaos is the International Municipal Council, which is only able to maintain any authority because of the presence of the British Defence Force, which, at last, is supported by other foreign forces.

Nobody can know the end, but it is certain that the present crisis in Shanghai is only the initial stage of a protracted crisis, in which many factors are still hardly calculable. The great majority of the British nation is certainly thankful that in this crisis the right thing has been done and amid the anarchy and bloodshed of Shanghai, the Defence Force stands for stability and a profound British sense of great responsibilities.—Reuter.

Labour Party Trounced.

London, March 23.

The situation at Shanghai is again discussed by the "Daily Telegraph," which, after trouncing the Labour leaders for their past attitude in view of the actual state of affairs, asks whether after such infatuated counsel they would trust Chen for the protection of British subjects in Shanghai, who are even more wretchedly exposed by the course of events. The newspaper asks where Chen figures in the ghastly situation and what his position and power is now that the Communist element has seized control of the Nationalist Party and Government at Hankow. Referring to yesterday's events, the paper says the British troops are not to be defended but rather honoured for their action taken in meeting murderous violence.—Reuter.

Wider Aspects.

London, March 23. The "Manchester Guardian," referring editorially to the future of Shanghai, suggests that negotiations should be taken out of the

TO END TO-DAY?

FINAL "SUNNING" TRIAL EVIDENCE.

CROWN CASE CONCLUDES.

The Crown case against the two remaining prisoners charged with complicity in the "Sunning" trial concluded this morning. The defence (counsel, Mr. C. G. Alabaster) will open this afternoon and it is expected that the trial will end to-day.

Evidence was given this morning by various officers from the "Bluebell" as to the men picked up in the drifting boat and the men taken over from the burning ship. No. 1 prisoner was identified as having been in the boat. He was wounded in the neck. It was stated. There were certain articles of clothing and money in a mail bag taken from the "Sunning" in the boat which was picked up, also an automatic pistol and ammunition. The 2nd prisoner was identified as among those handed over to the boarding party from the "Bluebell" and later to the Police who were on H.M.S. "Vindictive." He also was wounded.

On Mr. T. H. King, D.C.I., giving evidence as to identification parades, he was examined by Mr. Alabaster and said that before the January trial, both Capt. Pringle and the Chief Officer had made wrong identifications.

Statements made by the defendants were also proved. The 1st stated that he had previously taken part in a raid on the pirates den and the reason he was in the boat was that the pirates wished to take revenge on him. The 2nd stated that he was a passenger on his way to Hong Kong.

Injured through being knocked down by a motor car in Praya East, a Chinese was yesterday removed to the hospital.

A Chinese yesterday attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour near the Star Ferry wharf. He was rescued by launch men and taken to the hospital.

hands of the Municipal Council and put in charge of the Foreign Offices of the Governments concerned. The present moment was particularly opportune for doing so, because the moderate Cantonese, led by Chang Kai-shek, would probably be ready to come to terms more favourable to foreign rights than were admitted under the Hankow Agreement.—Reuter.

Mr. Silas Strawn's Views.

New York, March 23.

Mr. Silas Strawn, the American member of the Chinese Extraterritoriality Commission, in a speech, declared that the United States Government was absolutely justified in landing marines at Shanghai, where, he said, there was \$70,000,000 worth of American property. The Government were "fully cognisant of what was going on in China and would faithfully protect the rights of American business." Mr. Strawn predicted that even if the Chinese obtained their present demands, they would be no better off but more than ever the slaves of the warlords.—Reuter's American Service.

Peking Cabinet.

Peking, March 23. Lo Wen-kan has resigned the posts of Minister of Justice and Tapan of Shuiwuchu.

Wang Chung-huai has resigned the vice-chairmanship of the Customs Surtax Committee and Director of Liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank. The Cabinet is urging them to remain.—Reuter.



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Everybody at Home will be "full of" Shanghai. This week's "Overland China Mail" summarises all the events leading up to the Nationalist capture. With carefully written explanations, each message will tell your folks at Home exactly what they want to know.

Friends will be expecting to hear all you have to inform them. Instead of writing laborious letters, post them a copy of the "Overland," as a link between Hong Kong and the Old Country.

HOW PIRATES PREY ON BRITISH SHIPS.

Prominence was given in many ways to the piracy of the "Sunning." Meagre details have been cabled Home about the latest attack on another British vessel, the "Hopsang."

The description is also included in this week's "Overland" and will make interesting reading.

As usual, all the local news and China despatches have been reproduced.

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The totalisator at a Capetown race meeting paid out 2682 for a 10s. "double," there being only one winning ticket.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.F.E., Vice-Chancellor of the University, is giving away the prizes at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, at the annual speech day, at 5 p.m., to-morrow.

An Organ Recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, the Cathedral organist, assisted by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, (soprano), on Friday, March 25, at 5.45 p.m.

The Hungarian Government intends to introduce a heavy tax on bachelors and somewhat lower tax on married fathers with only one child. Italy has already adopted a bachelor tax following on trade depression.

The "Daily Mail" political correspondent states that the Board of Customs are considering a scheme for examining the luggage of passengers from the Continent in some of the Pullman trains, to avoid the scramble at Dover and add to the comfort of visitors.

At present Englishwomen residing in England desiring to divorce husbands living in the Dominions are practically debarred therefrom, being assumed to have the same domicile as their husbands. Mr. Herbert Williams intends introducing a Bill in the House of Commons allowing such women to seek divorce in English Courts.

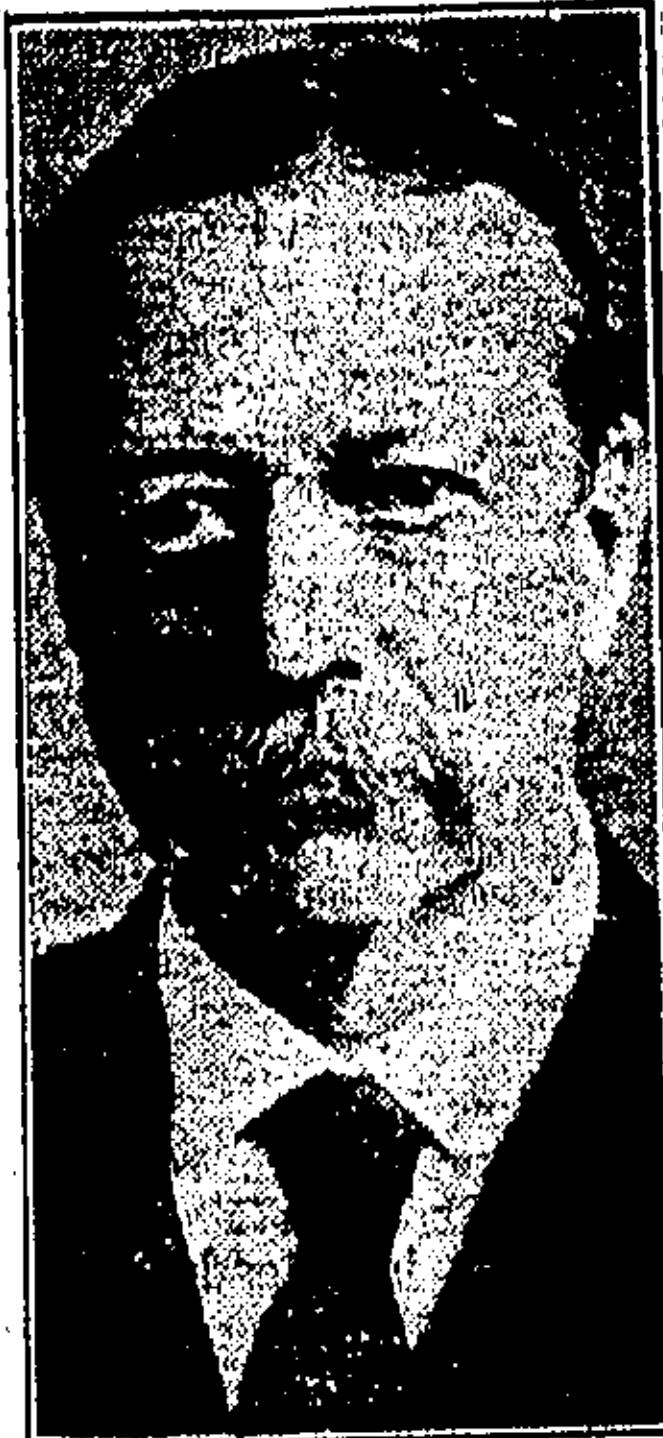
Marie Draxton, a servant girl employed in a butcher's family in a Saxon village, has been informed officially that an uncle who died at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., has bequeathed to her one million sterling. She has received scores of offers of marriage, mostly from strangers, but she says that she will remain faithful to her fiancé, a young bricklayer.

A correspondent who wrote to the Admiralty inquiring whether extracts from a book by Mr. Winston Churchill could be considered authoritative, received the reply, "Mr. Winston Churchill's books are not official. Their Lordships at the Admiralty accept no responsibility for the statements and opinions expressed in these books and do not necessarily share those opinions."

Reminder: organ recital at St. John's Cathedral at 5.45 p.m., to-morrow.

The Navy League (Hong Kong branch) annual meeting is to be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room.

A social is to be given in the Great Hall by the University Union at 8 p.m. on Saturday. There will be dancing and fancy dress is optional.



President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, one of America's foremost educators who believes that in many instances sending a person to college defeats the object of obtaining an education for him. He holds that some persons are better equipped to obtain an education in the ordinary walks of life than through the formal lessons of a college he says.

The Canadian National Railway contemplates the construction by 1930 of new branch lines totaling 1,470 miles, including 868 in Alberta, and 283 in Saskatchewan, thus opening up for new settlement over 40,000 farms of 160 acres each and providing for an additional population of 220,000.

The members of the German Reichstag who enjoy free railway travel are now demanding free passages on all the German air lines.

Six Chinese cases of notifiable disease were reported on Wednesday: one of cerebro-spinal fever, three of enteric fever (typhoid) and one of small-pox from the city, and one of small-pox from Kowloon.

One of the rarest stamps in existence will be sold in London. It is the famous 4d. blue stamp of Western Australia, 1854, in which the swan is upside down. There are only nine known copies in existence.

The notorious leader of Chinese gang-robbers in Penak, whose operations have been going on for the past fifteen months has been tracked to his lair in an obscure spot on the Perak River banks and captured by Captain Morris and Mr. Hussey of the Perak police. The two officers travelled to Kuala Kangsar by boat at night time and came upon the robber chief whilst he was asleep. He will be tried for a series of outrages committed recently and sensational disclosures are promised.

Mr. John Baird, of Glasgow, a leading research worker in television, announces that in consequence of widespread international interest in his work, including that of America, Germany and France, he is constructing a full-size model of his new "Black Light," which consists of a powerful ray like a search-light, invisible in darkness yet brilliantly illuminating anything upon which it is thrown. It even penetrates fog. Mr. Baird says he will be able to pick out aeroplanes over London at a height of 6,000ft.

Alfred Davis, a music hall Press agent of Tottenham, claims to be one of the three direct line claimants to the Thomas Hall fortune of £1,500,000. Other claimants are Amelia Pinkerton, of Sydney, and Mrs. Sulley, of Vancouver, who is Davis's aunt. Davis says that he saw a chance reference in Miss Pinkerton's claim and so got into touch with Miss Pinkerton and Mrs. Sulley with a view to marshalling the proof. His father used to talk of a fortune waiting the family if they established their claim.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A London message announces the death, at Monte Carlo, of Mrs. Frank Curzon, who was formerly Miss Isabel Jay, the well-known musical comedy actress.

The new Governor of Queensland, Sir Thomas Goodwin has decided not to take his own domestic staff to Brisbane except his wife's long service maid. Sir Thomas Goodwin says that she has been five years in Australia, and it was only right that they should have an Australian staff and even possible an Australian private secretary.

A resident of Hackney, Mr. A. Hatterson, who, while working as a navy for the Metropolitan Water Board had a picture hung in the New English Art Club in November last, has been notified that the Club has accepted two more pictures, a flower study and a figure. Mr. Hatterson paints in his spare time. Since his last success he has been promoted to the position of Waste Inspector.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles, has been admitted an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. She was present with Lord Lascelles at a private meeting of the Council of the College. There are already lady fellows of the College, but Princess Mary is the first to receive the honorary diploma. Later Princess Mary, wearing her cap and gown, attended the Hunterian oration delivered by Sir Berkeley.

Commandatore Daniele Vare, the newly appointed Minister to China, has already considerable experience of Chinese affairs, having passed eight years of his diplomatic career at Peking, in the capacity of First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires. Signor Vare married an Englishwoman—Miss Elizabeth Stansfield—of an old Yorkshire family. Oddly enough, says the "Daily Mail," a former American Minister to China, Mr. Paul Reinsch, has paid tribute to her typical "Italian beauty" in his Chinese Memoirs.

If on any Sunday morning you take a stroll through Mayfair and Kensington and give a glance at the long rows of news that lie behind the fashionable streets, I fancy you will be surprised at the number of women owners to be found cleaning their cars down (says the "Daily News.") I was amused to see the number of signs who were obviously taking instructions from their mothers about the care of cars. The woman of to-day has completely destroyed the old fiction that her sex has no mechanical genius at all.

To-morrow's social and concert for Servicemen at the Wesleyan Sailors and Soldiers' Home commences at 8 p.m.

Gloom descended on the H.M.S. "Renown" when Marine Bandmaster J. E. Burnett, who was specially taken from a shore job to act as conductor of the jazz orchestra, died during the night from pneumonia and pleurisy. The burial service was attended by the Duke of York, the Earl of Cavan, and the whole staff.



Sylvia Lent, the noted violinist, who is probably the youngest artist so far admitted to the group of world famous artists of the operatic and concert stage to broadcast over the radio.

Many people who picture General Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, as a Chinese brigand will (says a writer in the London "Daily Chronicle") be amused by the following story. When Mr. Chen was in London before the war a friend of mine invited him to dinner at his house. He looked forward to the occasion with some dread, and even thought of engaging an interpreter. His fears, however, were needless. Mr. Chen turned up in a dapper little figure in a smart dinner jacket, and even drank the pre-dinner cocktail. He spoke English with a broad Irish brogue. I learnt that he was at one time in the employment of an Irishman in Trinidad, where, I believe, he was born.

Mrs. Hayzen, of Canterbury, has celebrated her 100th birthday. She travelled to Australia in a wind-jammer with her husband during the gold rush of 1852.

The departure of Mrs. Graham, the "curator" or in other words the housekeeper, at Chaucers, is a matter of some interest. Mrs. Graham has ministered to the needs of three Prime Ministers—Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and Mr. Baldwin in whose son, Mr. Oliver Baldwin, she took an almost maternal interest.

The death occurred at Penang on March 15, at the General Hospital, of Dr. J. Stuart Rose, Municipal Health Officer. Deceased was had Health Officer, Deceased who had been in the service of the Municipality since 1906 and had occupied his present post for about nine years—and was well-known and widely respected. He leaves a widow and one son in Edinburgh. Dr. Rose was due to retire shortly.

Some good speeches were made at the Kennel Club banquet at the Savoy. Lord Chesterfield, for example, recalled an incident of 1889, when he was in San Francisco. As he was dressing, a servant knocked at his door. "Lord Lonsdale's compliments, sir," he said, "and can you lend him a shirt, collar and tie?" His lordship wishes me to say that he passed close to you at the light last night, and you didn't recognise him? Lord Chesterfield wondered why Lord Lonsdale should want to borrow a shirt, but, when they met, he was not surprised at his failure to recognise him, for Lord Lonsdale, with a beard and long hair, was just back from a big game shooting expedition in the Klondyke.

"Quite all right," replied the King of the Belgians, smiling, when a passer-by apologised for colliding with him in Dugate-hill, E.C., in mail week. The King and Queen of the Belgians came over to London on a short visit to see the exhibition of Flemish art at the Royal Academy. King Albert went for a walk in the City, and the man who accidentally brushed against him was as ignorant of his identity as the thousands of others who saw but did not recognise him. King Albert sauntered through many of the narrow lanes and passages, near Ludgate-circus, where he also found the constant procession of traffic interesting, and for some time he watched the pigeons at St. Paul's, and then looked down Cheapside before returning. The Queen of the Belgians spent the morning shopping on Bond Street.

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OXFORD'S BAD LUCK.

"Reserve" Stroke Also Forbidden to Row.

London, March 23. The Bathing team, T. Peppercorn, who filled the vacancy for the Oxford boat caused by Ellswell's illness, has been forbidden to row by his doctor, owing to a boil on the wrist.

P. Johnson of Magdalen has been rowing stroke for the last two days. —Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL.

Latest Cabled Quotations from Home.

The Grand National Steeplechase (about 4 1/2 miles) is to be run to-morrow at Liverpool.

Latest cabled quotations from the Victoria Club are:—

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100/1 Golden Peace.
100/1 Bovril III.
100/1 Sir Huon.
100/1 Creebrae.

HOME SOCCER.

4 LEAGUE MATCHES IN MID-WEEK.

London, March 23. League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

English League.
Division III (South):—Gillingham 2, Bristol Rovers 0; Charlton 1, Brighton 0.
Division III (North):—Aston 1, Nelson 1.
Scottish League.
Division I:—Cowdenbeath 1, Rangers 0. —Reuter.

U.S. BOXING.

JACK DEMPSEY TO FIGHT AGAIN.

Los Angeles, March 9. Jack Dempsey is preparing to fight for a come-back. The ex-world champion has designated Gus Wilson, his trainer, to find training quarters for him somewhere in the neighbourhood of Los Angeles. He intends to start training immediately.

ARMY RACQUETS FINAL.

London March 5.

In the Army racquets championship final at Prince's Club, C. Scott Chad (Goldstream) beat J. Duckworth King (Goldstream), 15-6, 6-15, 15-6, thus winning the title for the third successive time.

TO MEET MORRIS?

NEW WELTERWEIGHT BOXER ARRIVAL.

BOUT ON APRIL 13.

"Hong Kong boxing fans" will learn with interest that new blood of a very high order has been added to the string of local welterweights in the person of Able "Seaman" Bennett, a recent arrival from the destroyer "Witherington."

Bennett comes with a great reputation from home and with plenty of determination to live up to his reputation.

He is likely to appear at the Theatre Royal on April 16, when the Hong Kong Boxing Association stage their next tournament.

Met "Sonny" Bird.

Bennett performed in good company before coming out East and has victories over several hardy fighters. The bout he is proud of, although he lost it, was a 15-round battle with "Sonny" Bird, one of the leading welterweights in England at the present time. This was fought in London and Bennett came near bringing the curtain down on his opponent when he felled him for a count of nine in the second round. Bird's wonderful stamina saved the day for him, and his longer experience in the ring business enabled him to secure the decision on points. Reports of the contest show that it was a very close call at that.

Try-Out Yesterday.

Mr. J. Brook, the popular manager of the H.K.B.A., contemplated matching Bennett against Stoker Norman Morris of H.M.S. "Hermes" (local welterweight and middleweight champion) for the main event on April 16. It was with this in view that Bennett was called upon to show his paces yesterday.

MAJOR GOODSSELL.

KIDNAPPED BY MEXICAN BANDITS.

WORLD SCULLING CHAMPION.

London.—Major Goodsell, the professional sculling champion of the world, has been kidnapped by Mexican bandits, according to a Melbourne dispatch to the "Daily Express," and one of his friends in Sydney, N. S. W., has received a letter demanding \$5,000 as ransom.

Major Goodsell went to San Francisco as instructor in a college there and was recently reported missing.

Major Goodsell won the world's professional sculling championship at Sydney, Australia, on March 21, 1925, by defeating M. McDevitt by seven lengths. He has since successfully defended his title in three races.

LAWN TENNIS.

RESULTS IN HONG KONG C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Several matches were played yesterday in the Hong Kong C.C. tennis tournament.

In the open singles, last year's runner-up, S. A. Rijnjaan won his match with ease.

T. Honda, the singles champion was on the winning side in the open doubles. Yesterday's results:

Open Singles.

Second round:—S. A. Rijnjaan beat A. H. Crook, 6-2, 6-4.

Open Doubles.

Second round:—T. Honda and H. Akijama beat T. Ema and T. Edo, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; I. M. Raznick and J. Cassimboy beat T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin, 7-5, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.

Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (scr.) beat J. R. Wood.

SAFETY IN THE SAAR.

PROPOSED RAILWAY DEFENCE FORCE.

TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN.

Rugby, March 23.

Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations respecting the international railway police force for the Saar, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated that the report of the Saar Governing Commission recommended that there should be placed at its disposal a railway commission and railway defence force of 800 men for the exclusive purpose of safeguarding transit and transport through the Saar territory, and that in the case of necessity it should be able to call in two battalions of French troops from outside the territory.

The League Council adopted on March 12 a resolution that the alteration proposed by the Governing Commission should be put into effect within a maximum delay of three months, and therefore the troops stationed in the territory of the Saar would be withdrawn within that period. The railway defence force could only take action affecting the population under exceptional circumstances. The strength of eight hundred men indicated for this force represented the maximum. Should the Governing Commission think reduction of this number possible it was entitled to take the necessary measures to that effect without being obliged previously to refer the matter to the Council. —British Wireless Service.

BANK V. RUGGER CLUB.

In their annual fixture yesterday, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank defeated the rugger section of the Hong Kong Football Club by a try (3 points) to nil.

Russell scored the winning try, thanks to an opening by Mills who played a fine game as half-back for the Bank.

Both sets of forwards gave a rousing display. Jones and Nowers were injured. Teams:—

Bank:—Shannon; Lee, Moodie, Clerk, Nicholson; Milne, Mills; Beveridge, Groves, Jardine, Jones, MacIntyre, Moncrieff, Russell, Sutcliffe.

Club:—Stark; Armstrong, Coulson; Butlin, Alabaster; Summers, Gordon; Tinson, Nowers, Jordani, Thompson, Waddell, E. Cock, Cleland, Middleton, Smith, Pritchard.

Referee: Mr. H. G. Hegarty.

KEEN COLLEGE OARSMEN.

University and college oarsmen are showing unprecedented enthusiasm in their sport in America. One of the most remarkable rallies in the athletic history of the University of Pennsylvania, for example, took place recently, when no fewer than 450 oarsmen reported to the university eight oars. And five of last year's eight are still at the varsity.

Last year, when 400 aspirants reported, it was expected that a record which would stand for some time had been reached. More than half of this year's total are freshmen, and many have never handled an oar.

Penn's contests begin in April, and the chief are triangular regattas with Yale and Columbia, and with Princeton and Columbia, and a contest with Harvard.

STEEPLECHASES.

There has been an alteration in the programme for Kwanti steeplechase meeting, on April 5.

The Consolation Race has been cancelled and a Heavy-weight Race has been substituted. This is 1 1/2 miles, catch weights 165 lbs. for all China ponies. Entrance fee \$5. Entries now close at noon on Monday to Mr. A. H. Potts.

The present entry forms can be used for this race if the necessary alteration is made therein.

LEAGUE SOCCER.

The Police R.C. and the 2nd K.O.S.B. played a goalless draw yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground, in division of the Football League. The Borderers started with ten men to the Police nine but each side finished up with ten each, playing four forwards.

The Indian R.C. 2nd XI (champions of division II in the Cricket League) are to meet "The Rest" on the Hong Kong C.C. ground this Saturday at 2 p.m. The Rest will be represented by:—E. C. Burgess (H.K.C.C.), G. P. Lammert (H.K.C.C.), D. E. G. Nicholson (H.K.C.C.), Lt. Palatnet (R.N.), C. F. Alexander (Police), A. E. Lacey (Police), L. A. R. Duncan (K.C.C.), Private Lake (R.A.O.C.), E. A. Swift (H.M.S. "Tamar"), E. A. Alves (Club de Recreio), C. Strang (C.S.C.C.).

SCHOOL CRICKET.

On the C.S.C.C. ground yesterday, Queen's College defeated St. Joseph's College by 49 runs.

St. Joseph's batted first and were dismissed for 58 runs, to which Queen's College replied with 107 runs. Hunt made over fifty for the winners. St. Joseph's went in again and, when stumps were drawn, had lost 8 wickets for 30 runs.

C.R.C. OFFICERS.

At yesterday's meeting of the general committee of the Chinese Recreation Club, the following officers were elected for the year:—Chairman: Mr. Ng Sze-kwong. Hon. secretary: Mr. C. F. Lee. Hon. treasurer: Mr. Lu Tak-chauk.

PIPING STOLEN.

THREE CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.

SMART POLICE WORK.

Three Chinese this morning admitted to Major Wilson, at the Magistracy, the theft of several lengths of gas piping from an unoccupied house in Queen's Road Central and received three weeks' imprisonment each.

According to detective-sergeant McEwen, the house in question was the old Fire Brigade building. Five men were observed removing the piping, but when the Police entered they all bolted. Chiao was given and one man was arrested. As the result of information given by him the Police were able to take the other two accused into custody. The remaining two men have not been found.

BALKANS CALMER.

BRITAIN AND PROPOSED INQUIRY.

Rugby, March 23. Diplomatic conversations upon the Adriatic situation are proceeding between Britain, France and Germany, the three Powers to whom the Italian Government addressed its recent Note.

In British circles the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister's statement welcoming an impartial inquiry into the facts is regarded as considerably easing the situation, and there is a disposition to favour such an investigation on the spot by military experts.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said his information did not lead him to think recourse to the League of Nations would be necessary. —British Wireless Service.

Treaty of Bessarabia.

Rugby, March 23. Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day emphatically denied that the British Government had made any approaches to the Italian Government with a view to including the latter to ratify the Treaty of Paris of 1920 relative to Bessarabia. —British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGE.

Peaceful Counsels Gain Ground.

Paris, March 23. A Socialist attempt to raise a debate on the Jugo-Slav affair was frustrated by M. Briand, who said it would only inflame dying passions at present. The House agreed.

Mr. Briand said that events were evolving towards a peaceful solution, and emphasised the diplomatic attitude of everybody concerned. He declared if the independence of Albania were at stake the League would intervene immediately.

The Jugo-Slavian Minister, in an interview with M. Briand, had assured him that Jugo-Slavs would agree to an international enquiry on the frontier situation by the military attaches at Belgrade. —Reuter.

CAR SMASHED.

DRIVER JUMPS CLEAR AT UN LONG.

A rather nasty motor accident which fortunately did not result in a fatality occurred near the Ping-shan police station, Un Long, yesterday.

The road is narrow at this point and just enough for two cars to pass abreast.

A lorry was pulled up outside the station when another made to pass rather close, leaving half a car's breadth between it and the side of the road overlooking a low embankment.

Everything would have been all right had not a motor car, which evidently did not notice the stationary lorry, attempted to pass the moving truck on the outside. The result was a jam. The force of the impact caused the motor car to burst through the concrete railing and plunge down the embankment where it smashed up against a tree.

The driver owed his life to the fact that he jumped out of the car just before the final crash. He was badly shaken but not injured by his leap for life.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel is:—

Moderate N.E. winds, overcast, some drizzle or mist.

At 11.40 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased slightly from central Japan to S. Manchuria. It is nearly stationary from Shanghai to Chefoo and has decreased slightly elsewhere. An anti-cyclone is still shown over N.E. China and Manchuria. Moderate to fresh monsoon can be expected, along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.86; temperature 64; humidity 92; wind E. force 3; weather overcast, drizzle.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 24, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	10 1/4	8 1/4	11 1/4
Bank.			
Hongkong Bank	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b
do. London	111 1/4		111 1/4
Chartered Bank	121 n	121 n	121 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	131 n	131 n	131 n
do.	131 3/4 n	131 3/4 n	131 3/4 n
P. & O. Bank	10 1/4 b	10 1/4 b	10 1/4 b
Bank of East Asia	74 s	74 s	74 s
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b
China Indemnity	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b	108 1/2 b
North China Insurance	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n
Union Insurance	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n
Yangtze Insurance	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n	114 1/2 n
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	105 b	105 b	105 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	105 b	105 b	105 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 s	31 s	31 s
Hongkong Steamboats	20 s	20 s	20 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	1.10 n	1.10 n
Indo-China (Pref)	30 s	30 s	30 s
do. (Def)	40 b	40 b	40 b
Shell Transports	59 1/2 s	59 1/2 s	59 1/2 s
Star Ferries	54 s 53 1/2 sa	53 b 54 s	54 n
Water-boats	14 n	13 1/2 b	14 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	17 s	17 s
Malacca Sugars	1 n	30 n	31 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.40 b		
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 n	42 1/2 b	40 1/2 b
Langkats (Combined)	10 1/2 n	12 b	21 1/2 b
do. (Single)	10 1/2 n	12 b	21 1/2 b
Shanghai Exploration	17 n	4 b	
Shanghai Loan	7 n	6 b	
Raub	21 n	3.40 b	
Tronoh Mines	4 n		3 1/2 n
Ural Caspians	8 n	21 n	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Docks	99 b 102 s	98 b 99 1/2 s	99 s
Hongkows	40 n	35 b 37 s	40 n
New Engineerings	150 n		150 n
Shanghai Docks	1101 b	102 b	111 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2 7 40 s	7 1/2 b	7 1/2 s
Hongkong Lands	52 1/2 b	52 b	52 1/2 b
Hongkong Realty	6 b	6 n	6 b
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 s	1 s	2 s
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 s	12 1/2 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s		
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7.85 n	134 b	7 1/2 b
Oriental	12 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154 n	54 b	54 n
do. (new)	27 n	27 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 n	7 b	7 n
do. (old)	6 n	6 b	6 n
do. (new)	1 1/2 s	1 b	1 n
China Buses	9 1/2 n		
China Lights (comb.)	14 b	14 s	14 n
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 n	10 n
do. (new)	6 10 n	7 n	7 n
China Prov.	3.00 b	4 b	4 n
Dairy Farms	16 1/2 s	16 1/2 s	16 1/2 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	
Hongkong Amusements	17.80 s	18 1/2 n	18 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 b	2.40 n
Hongkong Electric	5 1/2 n	50 b 1 1/2 s	51 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	6 s	7 s
do. (new)	5 s	1 s	2 s
Hongkong Tramways	20 1/2 b	20 1/2 b 20.60s	20 1/2 b
Lane, Crawford	7 n	7 n	7 n
Macao Electric	35 n		
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n		
Nanyang Tobacco		9.80 b	
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 n	8 n
Sinceres	8 1/2 b	9.10 b	9 s
Singapore Trams	11 n	9 1/2 b	10 1/2 b
Taxis	1 n	70 c	65 Cts n
United Asbestos			
do. (Founders)		60 n	
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	
Watsons	12 1/2 n	12 s	12 n
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 s	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3.85 b	3.90 b	3.90 b

SIR H. CLIFFORD.

APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF STRAITS.

CEYLON'S NEW HEAD.

London, March 23.

Sir Hugh Clifford has been appointed Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of Malaya.

Sir Herbert James Stanley has been Governor of Ceylon. —Reuter.

Sir Hugh Clifford has had a long and distinguished career in many parts of the Empire, going to Ceylon in 1925 from Nigeria. He received the special thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his work as Governor in Africa from 1912 to 1925. Sir Hugh first joined the Malay States Government as a Cadet in 1888, and has written a large number of books on Malaya, besides many novels of a high standard.

Sir Herbert James Stanley, K.C.M.G., has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Northern Rhodesia since 1924. Born in 1872, he was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford (B.A.). From 1897 to 1902 he was Private Secretary to H.M. Minister Resident at Dresden and Coburg and British Vice Consul at Coburg; from 1908 to 1908 he was Assistant Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty; he became Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty in 1908; Private Secretary to the Governor-General, South Africa, 1910; and

Resident Commissioner, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, 1915. He was Imperial Secretary, South Africa, from 1918 to 1924.

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

Washington, March 23.

The Mexican Ambassador interviewed expressed the opinion that there was no reason for anxiety regarding the relations between the United States and Mexico in consequence of the termination of the Smuggling Convention.

On the contrary Senator Norris, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee viewed the termination of the treaty as an invitation to revolution and gun-running in Mexico. Senator Borah believed that the Mexican people would deem it an unfriendly act. —Reuter's American Service.

FOREIGN DOCTORS' TOUR.

Rugby, March 23.

A party of foreign medical officers visiting England under the auspices of the Health Section of the League of Nations will re-assemble in London to-morrow, having completed an intensive course of study while attached to the provincial health department. Before they leave for a final conference at Geneva they will study schemes for housing and slum clearance. —British Wireless Service.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

ODD NOTES.

Mr. John Buchan has written a story, "The High Places," which enters upon ground made familiar by Sir Walter Scott. The seventeenth century in Scotland was remarkable for a stern Calvinistic discipline and a revival of witchcraft. Mr. Buchan shows how they were linked together, for the sternness of the new creed drove many back to the licence of the old paganism. The hero of "High Places" is a minister of the kirk, born out of due season, who, like the great Montrose, stood for enlightenment and moderation and paid the penalty.

A Doctor's Portfolio.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, the veteran and famous alienist, has been engaged upon another book, "Stray Leaves From a Physician's Portfolio." A year or two ago he gave us "Burns From a New Point of View," and recently a selection of his memories. During his long and strenuous professional life he has, like most doctors, had to address himself to questions of public hygiene and specializations generally of a medical complexion. It is always so inspired which are, the basis of the book now coming, through Hodder and Stoughton.

A Holy Roman Emperor.

Miss Marjorie Bowen, who has recently done one or two modern novels, is at present completing a long historical story. It deals with the life and times of Maximilian I. of Habsburg, Holy Roman Emperor. The story is "The Golden Roof," this being derived from the golden roof of the ancient Imperial palace at Innsbruck, which had more than 3,000, gilded copper tiles. The characters in the book include Henry VIII, Ludovico Sforza, Louis XII, of France, and Catherine of Aragon.

The Learned Man.

Sir Oliver Lodge has made a new experiment in authorship in translating a book by another eminent man. Dr. Charles Richet, who was long Professor of Physiology in the University of Paris, and is also a man of letters and interested in many phases of life. He wrote "Le Savant," a jeu d'esprit having for its theme the special peculiarities, idiosyncrasies and characteristics met with in leading men of knowledge. It is this volume which Sir Oliver Lodge has translated, and it will be published by Dent under the title "The Natural History of a Savant."

China As It Is.

"China in Turmoil," a book which Heath Cranton is about to publish, will have a particular interest just now. The author of it is Mr. Louis Magrath King, who has recently retired from his Majesty's Consular Service in China. He was stationed at Peking, Shanghai, Canton and in the remote interior. He has travelled the length and breadth of China, from Peking to Burma, and from Shanghai to Tibet, and he has been held as hostage by brigands. The book constitutes the essence of his gathered Chinese knowledge and experience, thrown into pen-portraits of leading living Chinese.

A Story of Religion.

Mr. Sinclair Lewis, the American novelist is going to Britain this Summer, but before then Jonathan Cape will publish another novel by him. It is now printed, and will be issued by the Macmillans within the next few weeks, in two volumes. Mr. Fisher surveys the wide-ranging activities of his friend as traveller, historian, jurist, statesman, and mountaineer. He dwells especially on the great part of his life which Lord Bryce gave to the promotion of a better understanding between England and the United States. Another Macmillan book, nearly ready is "The Russian Revolution, 1917-1926," by Mr. Lancelot Lawton, who has lived in Russia.

The Merry Monarch.

Mr. Arthur Dunsent, who recently gave us a life of Nell Gwynn, has made a study of "The Private Life of Charles the Second," for a book which Cassell will publish. He is more concerned with Charles the man than with Charles the king. He traces his life from his birth in St. James's Palace, through a stormy boyhood and years of exile, to the Restoration. As he goes, Mr. Dunsent recounts the love adventures which beset Charles, and he describes the various women under whose influence he fell. They range from "Mademoiselle de Jersey," who captivated him as a mere boy, to the gaudy ladies who ruled at White-

hall after he came into his kingdom.

New Fiction and Old.

"Store of Ladies" is a novel by Mr. Louis Golding, which Mr. Alfred Knopf will shortly have ready. The title is taken from Milton's "Store of ladies whose bright eyes rain influence," a quotation which expresses the keynote of the story. Mr. Knopf is also bringing out an edition of a Dutch novel which was called a classic when it first appeared seventy years ago. "Max Havelaar," by Multatuli. To write it, the author, who was the governor of a Dutch colony, gave up ambition and position, and died in poverty. Another book appearing with Mr. Knopf is the third volume, "The Cross," of Sigfrid Undset's Norwegian trilogy, the first and second volumes being "The Gard" and "The Mistress of Husaby."

A Victorian Study.

Miss Elizabeth Haldane, Lord Haldane's sister, has just finished a study of George Eliot and her times, and the house of Hodder will publish it. She takes advantage of the sense of perspective provided by the lapse of nearly half a century since George Eliot's death. The result is a many-shaded picture of "a world which was feeling towards new departures and yet was always restrained and drawn back by convention, and which found in George Eliot a novelist who exactly diagnosed its complaints and understood its susceptibilities." Miss Haldane's summing up of the novelist is that she "loved mankind without suffering any illusion regarding it."

In the Air.

Lord Thomson, who was Air Minister in the Labour Government, has a book on "Air Facts and Problems," appearing with John Murray. It differs from most works on aviation in that it does not enter into technical details. The subject is dealt with from three points of view: those of the soldier, the administrator, and the man in the street. Beginning with a description of air warfare, it explains the close dependence of military and civil aviation, and the necessity for unified direction and control. Lord Thomson lays stress on the especial significance of aviation to the far-flung British Empire, and he illustrates this in a chapter on the work of the air police in Iraq.

The Bodley Head.

M. Andre Maurois, whom we know for his "Colonel Bramble" and his "Ariel," has written a study of the life and complex personality of Benjamin Disraeli. It is announced by the Bodley Head, and from them we shall have other interesting books during the next few months. Mr. Hamlin Garland, an American writer who has devoted himself specially to the Middle West, has written "Trail-Makers of the Middle Border." It is the record of a pioneer family of the generation preceding his own, and shows the "conquering of the frontier." A third Bodley Head book will be "Francis Drake," by Mr. E. F. Benson, in the Golden Hind series, which Mr. Milton Waldman edits.

Spring Publications.

The biography of Viscount Bryce was finished in the autumn by Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, but it was not possible to publish it before Christmas. It is now printed, and will be issued by the Macmillans within the next few weeks, in two volumes. Mr. Fisher surveys the wide-ranging activities of his friend as traveller, historian, jurist, statesman, and mountaineer. He dwells especially on the great part of his life which Lord Bryce gave to the promotion of a better understanding between England and the United States. Another Macmillan book, nearly ready is "The Russian Revolution, 1917-1926," by Mr. Lancelot Lawton, who has lived in Russia.

"THE DOOR IN THE WALL"

Miss E. Almaz Stout, late President of the Society of Women Journalists, has written a novel entitled "The Door in the Wall" which will be published immediately by Messrs. Stanley Paul. It is even more provocative than her recent play "Inheritance" which was produced by the Interlude Players and most favourably received by the critics.

Miss Almaz Stout, by the way, is the author of the film "Women Who Win" in which Queen Mary and the late Queen Alexandra graciously consented to appear.

"THE DEVIL."

Tolstoy, that worshipped literary light of Russia, had in him much of the morbidity which appears to affect the whole race. To his simple and powerful style he added the revelation of a mind diseased. He made the most astonishing statements and proved the strangest theories. In a book on Art, to which nobody now pays any attention, he declared that the immortal Ninth Symphony was "bad art," mainly because he apparently neither understood nor liked it. The man who could read immorality into the violin sonata, known as the "Kreutzer" was just the sort of man who would have written "The Devil," and to whom the idea would have come in just the way it did, a fellow with a prurient mind and a religious complex of the most advanced Russian brand, a hater of life, and a thoroughly unstable genius.

Tolstoy at 52 years of age confessed to a tutor that he was "overcome by sexual desire" and asked for help. He asked the tutor to go with him upon the daily walks which he customarily took alone. It appeared from further confession that he had "fallen in love"—or conceived a strong desire for a peasant woman, and the affair had gone as far as the making of a rendezvous, and it was to avoid the consequences of keeping the assignation that Tolstoy sought company on his walks.

The story, so far not published in English, tells of a similar incident in the life of Eugene Irtenev, who gives way to his passion, and is at length possessed by it to his destruction, a bit of morbid Russian pessimism written in that bare, Tolstoyan style which casts out all unpleasant things. Whatever failings Tolstoy had as a human being, he was, at all events, an artist.

"The Devil," by Leo Tolstoy; Allen and Unwin.]

"COMMERCIAL ART."

The variety of the contents of the January number of Commercial Art enters upon practically every department of art pertaining to commerce. Perhaps the most outstanding of these is the interesting and beautifully illustrated article by Sir Herbert Morgan, K.B.E., on Fred Taylor, the well-known poster designer, whose capacity to give colour and atmosphere to even a highly technical and detailed subject is remarkable.

The touch of exquisite art which Messrs. Austin Reed, Ltd., have acquired in their delightful premises recently opened in Regent Street is fittingly described by S. B. Wainwright. The selection of a medium, in an article entitled "Aspects of the Selling Art" makes interesting reading and is cleverly illustrated.

One cannot but be astonished at the revolution in Press advertising during the last 26 years which F. C. Fairchild has suitably described in "Press Advertising 1900-1926." When one compares the artistic designs and layouts of present day Press advertising with those of 26 years ago, one is impressed with the marked improvement which has taken place and which must benefit the advertiser in every respect.

An article on Ludwig Hohlwein, the world famous German poster designer, containing many striking examples of his artistic work, completes an excellent publication.

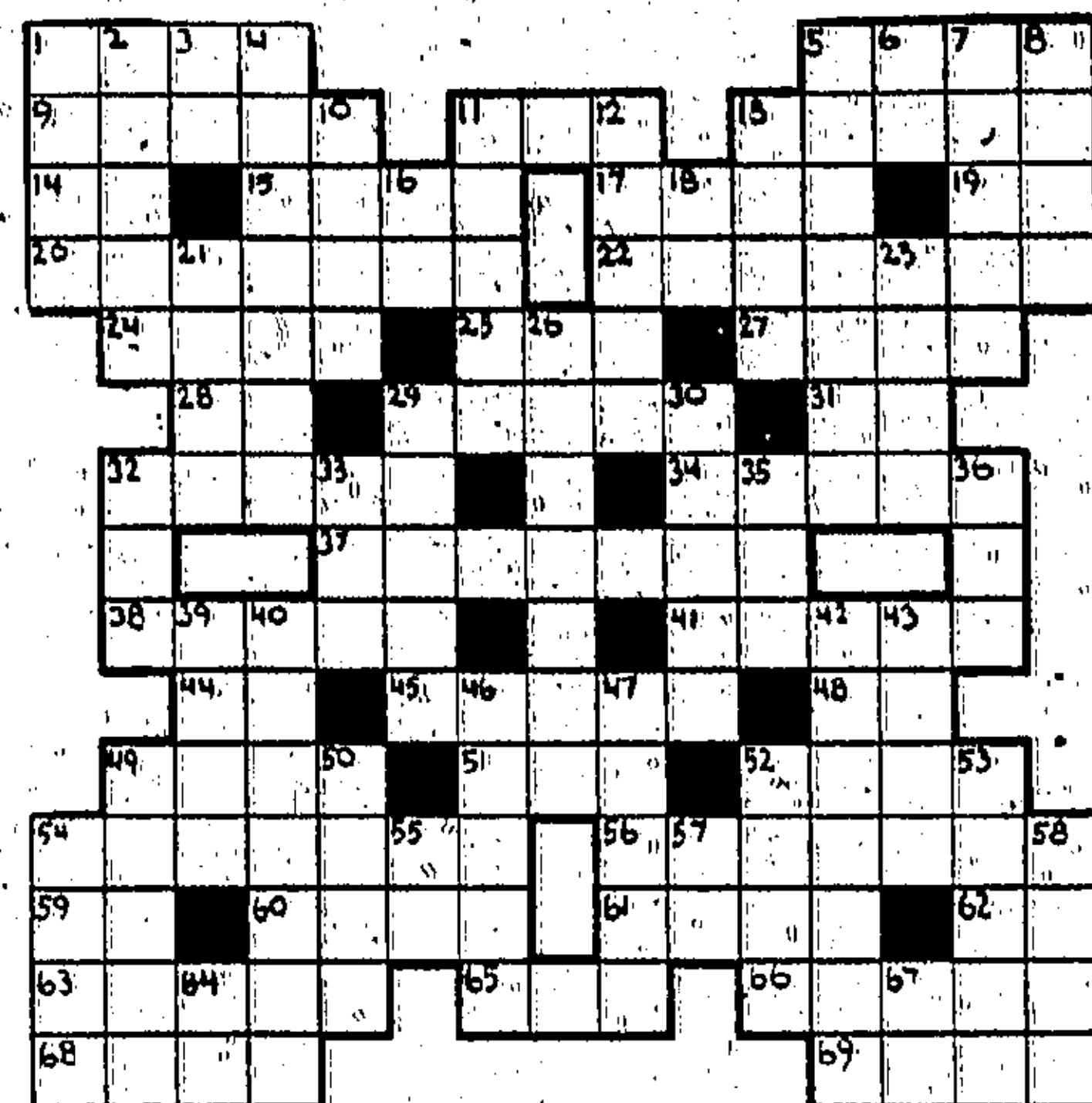
"Commercial Art," published by The Studio, Ltd., London. Price 1/-.

Sir John Murray has arranged for a volume of stories entitled "Peacocks and Other Stories of Java," an island not hitherto written about with the personal note which the author, Mrs. Venetia Herron, imparts to it. She is a daughter of the late Professor Herron, who was a notable figure in Florence and a friend and counsellor of President Wilson.

Mrs. Herron lived in Java for years, and thus became familiar with the life of Europeans and natives there, and with the reaction of the one race upon the other. "Peacocks" is to be ready in April, and about the same time a new volume of Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle will appear under the Murray imprint.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



© THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Fibrous inner bark of trees
- 2-A kind of wine
- 3-Provinces in N. E. India
- 11-Prefix. Under
- 13-The winged elm
- 14-One of the continents (abbr.)
- 15-To hold out
- 17-To shower
- 19-Personal pronoun
- 20-An atomizer
- 22-Pointers
- 24-Greek queen of the gods
- 26-Ionic (abbr.)
- 27-To imitate
- 28-A musical note
- 29-Higher than something else
- 31-8. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 32-To place in a pile
- 34-Wide-mouthed water-pitchers
- 37-Hound used for hunting hares
- 38-Foundation
- 41-Rimbankments protecting low lands
- 44-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 46-To try to do
- 48-Prefix. Form of "in"
- 49-To encircle

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51-An ending of feminine nouns
- 52-To string on a stick
- 54-Like silver (poet.)
- 56-Commercial name of zinc
- 58-Prefix. Form of "act"
- 60-An image
- 61-Prefix. Against
- 62-Mother
- 63-Quick, light stroke
- 65-Bone
- 66-Clops
- 68-An ending of verbs
- 69-Member of an ancient German race

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Article
- 21-To be and remain
- 23-Smooth the surface
- 25-To burden; weigh down
- 26-An edict (Russian)
- 30-Full of seeds
- 32-To cry convulsively
- 33-A great American city (abbr.)
- 35-Contorted
- 36-Ship's distress signal
- 38-The dye indigo
- 40-Public exercises of worship
- 42-Noted English author
- 43-To send forth
- 44-A medicinal plant
- 47-Testing of ore for metal
- 49-Young unmarried women
- 50-To adorn
- 52-Place
- 53-To entice
- 54-Free from danger
- 55-Square land measure (abbr.)
- 57-Promissory note (abbr.)
- 58-Redskins
- 64-An ending of adjectives
- 67-Maiden loved by Jupiter

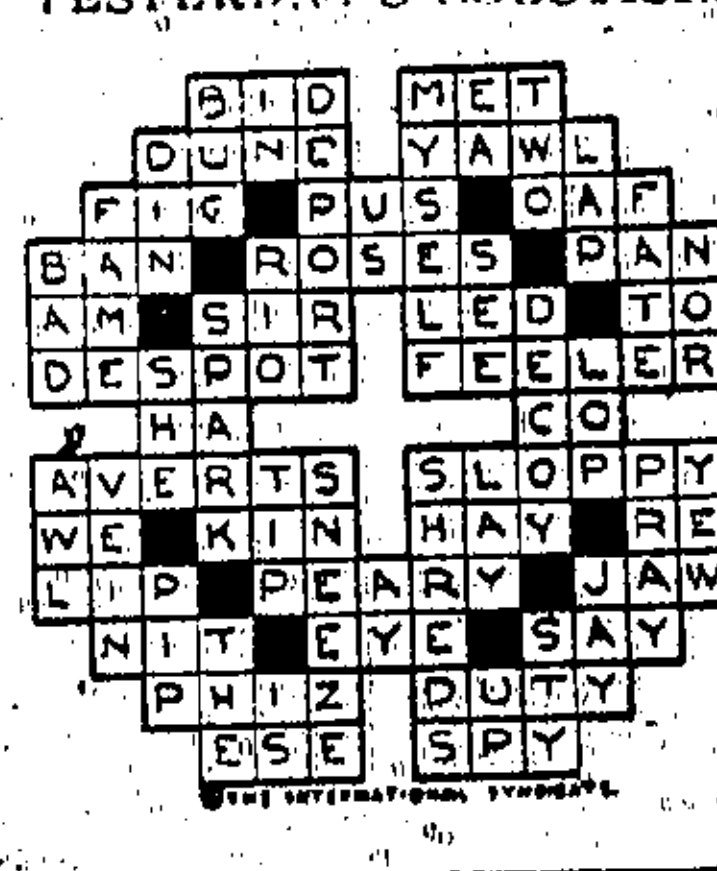
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

"UNDER THE BLACK FLAG."

We do not know whether it is the activities of bootleggers, the embargo on silk or the present spotlight on Chinese waters, that has aroused the reading public's interest in classic smuggling and piracy; but there is no doubt that an unusually large number of books on these subjects has appeared recently.

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THIS IS INDEED NICE OF YOU MR. JUDGE- TO INVITE ME TO YOUR HOME!

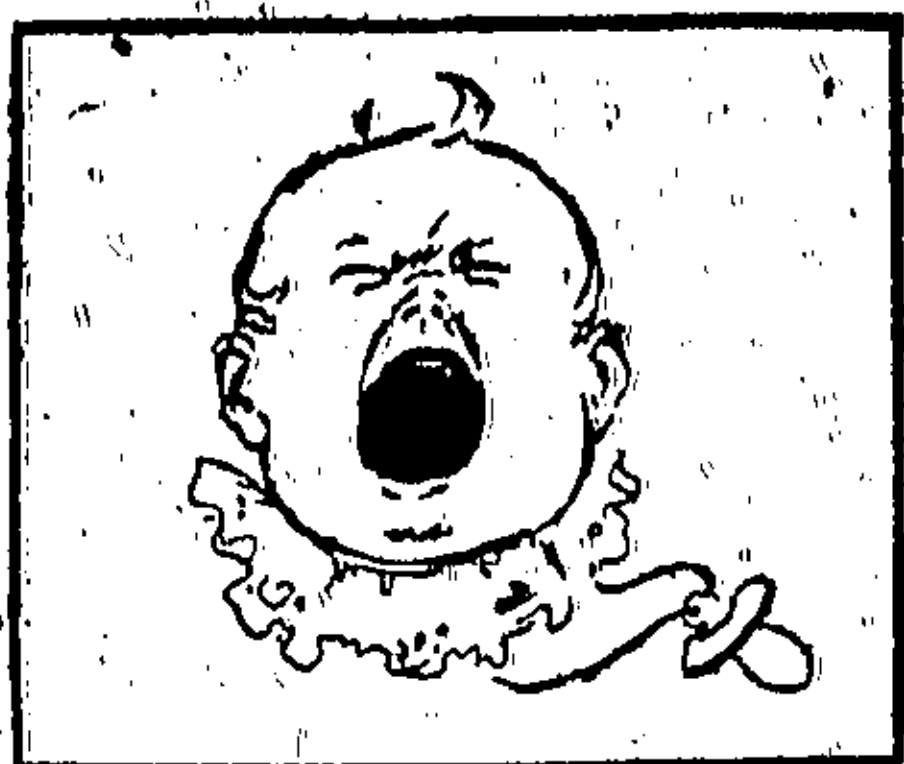
IT'S A PLEASURE- JUDGE!

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I WUZ JUST WONDERIN' ABOUT THAT TRAVELIN' AMBASSADOR JOB!

I'M NOT- MR. BLOT IS SURE TO GET IT!

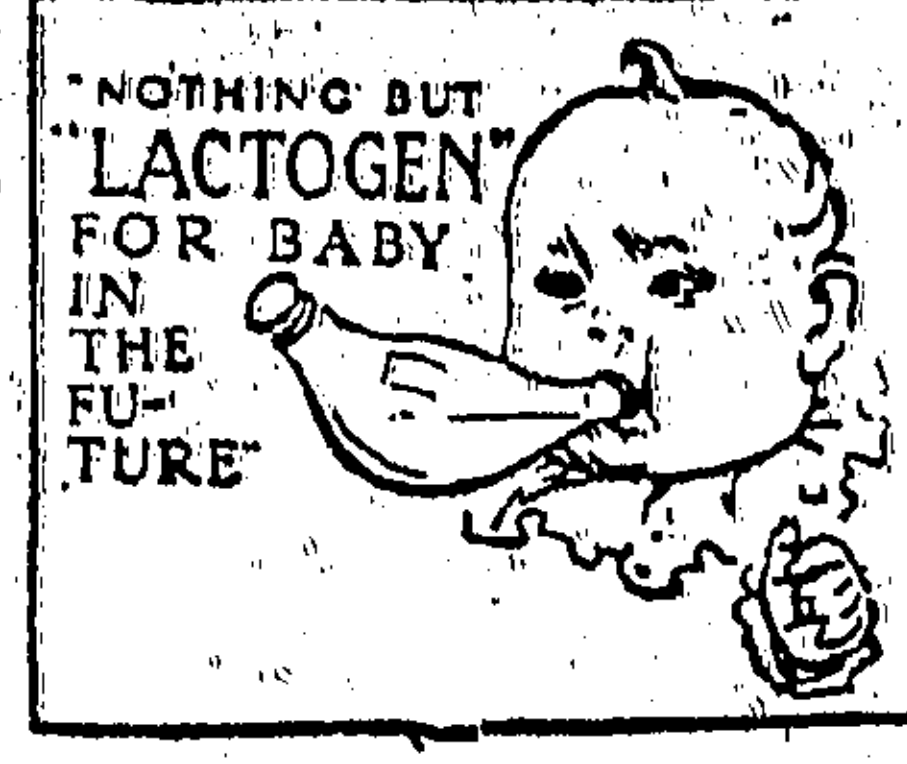


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"GALFAS" 17th May Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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"TIBETUS" 20th June Genoa, Havre and Liverpool

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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, MARCH	Per
Shanghai	24	Yingchow.
	FRIDAY, MARCH	25
Japan & Shanghai		Haruna Maru.
Straits		Teesta.
	SUNDAY, MARCH	27
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London 24th Feb.)		Cegra.
	MONDAY, MARCH	28
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Hayes.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Pierce.
	TUESDAY, MARCH	29
Japan		St. Albans.
	FRIDAY, APRIL	1
Japan & Shanghai		Macedonia.
	SUNDAY, APRIL	3
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Jackson.
	MONDAY, APRIL	4
Australia & Manila		Arifura.
	TUESDAY, APRIL	5
Japan & Shanghai		Antenor.
	FRIDAY, APRIL	8
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Empress of Russia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	THURSDAY, MARCH	Per	Time
Haiphong	24	Ether Dollar	8.30 a.m.
Saigon		Nitaya Maru	4.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Kotsu Maru	5 p.m.
	FRIDAY, MARCH	25	
Shanghai & Japan		Janus	8.30 a.m.
Haihow & Haiphong		Ten	10.30 a.m.
Formosa		Sourabaya Maru	10.30 a.m.
Batavia		Tikembang	11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hai Ning	1 p.m.
Amoy		Kutsang	5 p.m.
	SATURDAY, MARCH	26	
Amoy		Tilleboet	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th April. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Haruna Maru.	9 a.m.
		Beibek	2.30 p.m.
		Kueichow	
	SUNDAY, MARCH	27	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Fook Sang.	5 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok		Aitung	
	MONDAY, MARCH	28	
Straits & Calcutta		Hozan Maru	8.30 a.m.
		Kwangchow	8.30 a.m.
	TUESDAY, MARCH	29	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th April. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Bingo Maru	10.30 a.m.
		Paul Letab.	

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SHANGHAI CRISIS.

How It Affects Hong Kong.

LOCAL CONDITIONS REVIEWED.

Hong Kong trade and finance have been considerably affected by the latest developments in Shanghai, in some ways unfavourably. Shipments of goods between the two ports is temporarily suspended, partly on account of the Labour strike but more generally to the unsettled conditions in the interior of Shanghai.

Many local firms have received cabled instructions from their Northern connections to hold up merchandise till further notice.

Chinese business houses seem to be more affected than foreign banks. On the other hand, the influence of events in Shanghai is not as great as it might have been.

Looking to Canton.

Depression in the North is to a certain extent countered by the slight—but steadily rising—improvement shown in Canton and Kwangtung provinces. Trade between the Colony and immediately adjoining territory is still satisfactory.

Some of the importers of North China produce (for example, the costly native herbs) may suffer, on account of lots being held up either on the Yangtze or at Shanghai.

"Business is suspended in Shanghai native city and this fact is bound to have an influence on trade with Hong Kong."

Dollar Down.

The dollar has weakened. Exchange has come down. On Monday the market sterling rate was 3/4 pence over the official rate. When a "China Mail" man inquired yesterday, the rate was only 5/8 pence over the official figure.

This fall in silver is not entirely caused by the Shanghai developments but is also attributable to the Indian Currency Bill.

"When India stops buying silver to make her rupees," said a leading financier, "local exchange is likely to remain low for from thirty to forty years."

"China will remain the only buyer. Under present conditions, there will be little trade and very little demand for silver."

Money Plentiful.

The money market is easy. There is plenty of the precious metal to invest but financiers still wish to pick and choose.

"Money is also plentiful at Shanghai," said another business man to the "China Mail." He also pointed out, however, that as the native exchanges were closed and "office" was out of the question for the time being, specie will find its way into the Settlement and stay there.

Shanghai has had no effect on the Hong Kong stock market. Other than the gilt-edged investment stocks, there is "nothing doing."

One of the brokers summed matters up thus:—"Investment shares which give a return of 7 per cent. per annum find buyers. Others are neglected. Prices have about reached their lowest level. Quotations here are not dependent on Shanghai. I have seen no drop in Shanghai stocks and the shares up there have been quoted 'nominal' this week owing to there being no transactions."

Temporary suspension of trade has brought about a curtailment of freight offerings. Doubts exist as to the possibilities of landing cargo at Shanghai and one or two ships are stated to have shut out cargoes rather than risk bringing them back.

SMART TRICK.

FORGED NOTE FOR C.O.D. GOODS.

BUYER DISAPPEARS.

The master of the Chan On Hing foreign goods shop of No. 162, Wellington Street has reported a novel method of passing forged bank notes. According to him a well-dressed Chinese visited the shop at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and ordered a quantity of goods to be sent C.O.D. at No. 196, Praya East. The goods were duly delivered and paid for with one \$500 note and \$19 in smaller notes. When the money was examined at the shop the \$500 note was found to be a forgery. The manager at once proceeded to the Praya East house, but found that the buyer had already absconded with the goods.

A burglar entered the third floor of No. 77 Leighton Hill Road last night and stole money, clothing and jewellery worth \$118.

SIBERIAN MAILS.

The Local Position Explained.

MISSING SHANGHAI.

In view of the seriousness of the position in Shanghai regarding the mails, due to the postal strike, residents in Hong Kong accustomed to using the Siberian route are concerned as to the best course to adopt.

Upon enquiry locally, the "China Mail" was informed that mails were still being despatched from here marked "via Siberia." The mail that left last Monday was sent to Shanghai, as news of the postal strike had not then been received here.

In consequence of the strike, it has now been decided (unless the strike is settled before the next despatching day) to send the Siberian mail from Hong Kong north of Shanghai to Tsingtau, Tientsin, Port Arthur or Japan.

In the event of ports in China being used, the mail will be forwarded from there to Harbin and connect with the trans-Siberian railway; in the event of ports in Japan, the Japanese authorities will co-operate in despatching the mail to Tauraga where there is a direct steamer service to Vladivostok. The Japanese have co-operated in similar manner before in times of emergency.

Regarding Monday's mail, the local authorities are confident that there are no grounds for concern. The Postal Commissioner in Shanghai, Mr. Shields, has had considerable service with the administration in China (he was last in charge at Canton) and they are confident in his ability to direct affairs even in the very difficult circumstances which have arisen. The transfer of the mail by ship to Dalny in the event of the rail not being available would be a matter of course, involving merely the handling of bags.

Although the local authorities have received no message from Mr. Shields as to the course to adopt, they are (until more reassuring news is received from the North) endeavouring to help by the diversion of the mails as indicated.

There should be little delay in the Siberian mail in consequence and no additional risk although, even if there were a risk, it is of course one of the penalties of the quicker service given by the trans-Siberian rail route that such should be taken as against the slower but perhaps more assured Suez route.

If the mails from Hong Kong connect in good time to the steamer service from Japan to Vladivostok and this in turn connects in good time with the train route, there might even be a saving of time on the normal Siberian via Shanghai route.

The public can, however, rest assured, we are informed, that the mails will be despatched and will get through. The superscription of various routes will not help the postal authorities. "Via Siberia" will suffice.

\$900 GONE.

ACCOUNTANTS' ALLEGED OFFENCE.

The manager of the Ni Fung shop of No. 45, Bonham Strand yesterday entrusted his accountant with \$900 to pay to the Fook Tai rice shop in Cannought Road West. The man it is alleged, has absconded with the money.

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There was some confusion in Major C. Willson's court when Sergt. Dickson and an Indian constable both claimed a motor car tout as their prisoner. In the respective charge sheets the man's name was given as Chung Chang-ming and Chang Chang-ming.

The Magistrate was inclined to believe that the prisoners were two different individuals but could not decide whose prisoner the man in the dock was.

Eventually Sergt. Dickson suggested that the same man might have been arrested twice.

This was put by the Magistrate to the accused and he admitted it.

In Pedder Street.

It then came out that he was first arrested by the Indian in Pedder Street, bailed himself out in the sum of \$10 and went back to his haunt where he accosted Sergt. Dickson and made a second trip to the Central Station where he was safely locked up for the night.

The accused who admitted toutting on both occasions was fined \$10 or 14 days, in each instance, the sum of \$10 was not paid.

The Indian constable brought a further charge against the accused of having broken his traffic stick but on this, the defendant was discharged.

NOTICE.

NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on TUESDAY, 29th Instant at 8.30 p.m. in the Board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- (2) To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
- (3) To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.
L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

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